



Miss Miller's 4th Grade Class

Welcome

Welcome to fourth grade! I look forward to getting to know you. This year will be a fantastic one, filled with challenging and rewarding times.



Friday Folder

This folder will be sent home every Friday with completed work. Please look over the work and return it the following Monday. Feel free to add comments for your child or me. Praise their achievements, and help them in those areas where they could use it. A parent's interest and encouragement does wonders for building self-esteem and confidence.

Newsletter

Every Friday I will post a newsletter about the upcoming week on my classroom website. Print a copy so you can keep important dates and information handy. Send me a note if you do not have access to a computer.

"Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire."

-William
Butler Yeats

Homework

Your child is responsible for seeing that their homework gets done **neatly** and is turned in the next day. Students must keep all current work in their homework folder. Please do not remove any work from this folder without first asking your child. Some papers may not have been checked yet. This folder should be taken home every night. 10% will be deducted from late homework.

Students will often have homework in math. It will be a skill I have taught in class so it is very important that you first let them complete the work on their own. Then check the work and help them with the skill if you see they don't understand the concept. We want to fix any misconceptions early since math skills often build from day to day.

Establish a routine by setting aside about 30 minutes every night for homework. If there is no assigned work, use this time for reading books, reviewing or reading from their science or social studies book, or practicing math. Together we can help your child develop some responsible habits when it comes to homework.

Spelling

Each week's spelling skill can be found on my newsletter. Students are responsible for writing their spelling words and bringing the correctly spelled words home to study. There will be a spelling test on Thursday each week (unless otherwise stated). The new words will be assigned on Friday, so be sure to check for them in your child's homework folder. The spelling grade on the report card will reflect both the results of their weekly tests & their use of correct spelling in their daily work.

Math

It is extremely important for your child to know their basic multiplication facts in order to be successful in 4th grade math. We will have a weekly timed test on basic facts to reinforce fact fluency. If they are still struggling with getting the answers, please have your child review them often. Even when homework is not assigned in math, it is a good idea to continue to work at home to reinforce your child's skills.

Reading

Your child should be setting aside 20-30 minutes to read each day. They will receive Weekly Reading Logs on Monday of each week. The Reading Log must be completed, signed and turned in the following Monday. Reading is fundamental skill that will help your child be successful.



Transportation

Please send me a note if your child will NOT be taking their usual route home on a particular day. This includes not only buses, but if your child will go home with someone other than yourself. I cannot let children change their usual mode of transportation unless you send me a note or call the office. I will NOT accept verbal messages from the child.

"Tell me & I forget.
Teach me and I
remember. Involve me
and I learn."

-Benjamin Franklin

Accelerated Reading

Students are required to take an Accelerated Reader test every other week on a book they are reading independently. They must be reading books at their level. Students will receive a quarterly grade for Accelerated Reader tests.



Behavior

Students are expected to behave in a respectful and responsible manner. If your child chooses to misbehave, he or she will receive a verbal warning and have the opportunity to correct the behavior. If the behavior is still not corrected, a White Slip with a consequence will be sent home.

Grades

Please make sure you are signed up for PowerSchool and check it often for your child's grades. All work will be graded using a point system instead of percentages.

Snack

Please send in a healthy snack such as fruit, cut veggies, pretzels, or Teddy Grahams. Do not send chips, sweets, or greasy snacks. Remember to watch that snacks are nut free.



Water Bottle

Students may bring a water bottle to school. Please don't freeze it, as the condensation is bothersome. To prevent accidents, keep the water bottle separate from the backpack.

Lockers

Lockers are provided to hold items such as coats, backpacks, and gym shoes. A couple decorations may be put inside the locker, but I do not want anything sticky placed on them, which makes removal difficult. Backpacks must also fit inside their locker.

Birthdays

Fourth grade celebrates all students' birthdays during an end of the year celebration. During this time, the entire fourth grade gathers for a day of fun, games and pizza. Because of this, students are not allowed to bring in a treat on their actual birthday. However, they will still be recognized in class on their special day.



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"Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land among the stars."

-Les (Lester Louis) Brown

Finally...

We are partners in educating your child. We need each other to make your child's year successful. When you have a concern, please let me know. You can call my voicemail at (586)731-0135 ext. 297 or email me at dmiller@stlawrenceparish.com. Email is the quickest way to get ahold of me. If you would like to meet in person, I can usually make arrangements before school.

Thank you for your cooperation. I look forward to getting to know my students and their parents. I'm sure that with your prayers and support this school year will be a great success.

Sincerely,
Miss Deanna Miller

