

Saint Ambrose School

Ms. Dillman – 4th Grade

Expectations

- ✓ All students have the right to a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Therefore all students will comply with the classroom and school rules.
- ✓ Students will complete all classwork and homework.

Classroom Rules:

1. Listen and follow directions
2. Stay on task
3. Be respectful to yourself and others
4. Take care of all materials
5. DO YOUR BEST

Classroom Management

Positive reinforcement is used. The students will have opportunities to earn points. Points are earned on an individual or team basis. On Fridays, teams who have reached their set goal will choose a prize or a reward coupon. The whole class works toward earning a class reward (a movie or game day) when the goal is reached.

Grades

Tests, quizzes, and other assignments (projects) will be given numeric grades. To receive maximum points on assignments, students must adhere to the standards below:

- Written work should be neat and legible. Work that cannot be read will be returned to the student to redo and return the next day
- Written work should always be done in pencil
- All assignments should be done on a full sheet of notebook paper or in your appropriate composition book, without stains or stray marks
- Students should write in complete sentences unless otherwise instructed

Subjects & Textbooks

- ✓ Social Studies- Our textbook focuses on the 4 regions of the United States. In the spring we will focus on the state of Maryland. The website for our textbook is: http://www.macmillanmh.com/socialstudies/2009/ss/student/grade4/g4_index.html
- ✓ Science- Interactive Science (Textbook & Workbook combined)
- ✓ Religion- Christ our Life workbook focuses on the Ten Commandments and Beatitudes. The website for our workbook is: <http://www.loyolapress.com/grade-4-christ-our-life-interactive-chapter-reviews.htm> It consists of interactive chapter reviews, practice quizzes/tests, printable study guides and online games to assist our students with each chapter.
- ✓ Spelling- Our spelling words come from the chapter book we are currently reading in class. All assignments should be completed in their spelling composition book, unless noted otherwise.
- ✓ Vocabulary-Sadlier-Oxford (Orange Level). The website for our workbook is: http://www.sadlieroxford.com/vocabulary/levels_color.cfm?sp=student&level=orange It consists of interactive games and study materials to assist our students throughout each unit.
- ✓ Reading- We will be using the Houghton Mifflin series as our textbook. We will also be reading several chapter books throughout the school year. We will also use Scholastic Weekly Readers to discuss current events and all elements of reading. The website for our Weekly Reader is: http://sni.scholastic.com/SN4/09_02_13_SN4
- ✓ Math- Saxon Textbook, Saxon Ebook (CD), Sadlier-Oxford Workbook (Progress in Mathematics) The website for our workbook is: http://www.sadlieroxford.com/math/student_2006.cfm?sp=student&grade=4
- ✓ Handwriting- Our workbook will continue to assist students with their cursive writing. This is usually given as morning work.
- ✓ Language Arts- Voyages in English focuses on the basic elements of writing and grammar structure. The website for our textbook is: <http://www.loyolapress.com/voyages-in-english-2011-grade-4-studentgames.htm> It consists of interactive games to assist our students with topics discussed in class.

Replacement Cost of Textbooks & Workbooks

Students will sign a contract stating what condition the book is in when they receive it and promise to take care of their book. Any lost textbooks or workbooks will be replaced at an additional cost.

- Saxon textbook \$60
- Saxon ebook (CD) \$60
- Sadlier-Oxford Workbook (Progress in Mathematics) \$20
- Christ Our Life workbook \$20
- Handwriting workbook \$15
- Social Studies Volume 1 \$20, Volume 2 \$20
- Vocabulary Workbook \$15
- Voyages in English Textbook \$60
- Voyages in English Workbook \$15
- Interactive Science \$28

Book Reports

Guidelines will be passed out at the beginning of each month. There will be one book report every quarter.

Homework

- Students will have homework almost every night; Monday – Thursday and occasionally on Fridays
- Students should make an effort to do their best on each assignment
- Points will be deducted for late or incomplete homework
- Homework is graded on completion

Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Grading System

- A= 100-93
- B= 92-85
- C= 84-77
- D=76-70
- F=69 and below

Specials Classes

Monday	Spanish
Tuesday	Library , P.E.
Wednesday	Spanish, Art, Music
Thursday	
Friday	P.E. , Computers