

Welcome to Fourth Grade!
June 21, 2024

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I am thrilled to welcome your child to fourth grade in just a few short months. I am excited about the upcoming school year and can't wait to embark on this academic journey together. Your child will continue to build upon the skills they have acquired so far as they progress through our curriculum.

We have a busy year ahead, so please ensure your child is prepared with the supplies listed on the enclosed list. It's crucial for them to keep practicing basic multiplication facts (0-12) and engage in daily reading. For extra practice with multiplication, I recommend checking out "Mr. Nussbaum's Great American Multiplication Challenge" online.

As part of their summer reading, please have your child read *The Lemonade War* by Jacqueline Davies. This book is the first in a series, and we will be continuing with the second book as our first read-aloud in class. Additionally, they should complete either a diorama or a poster board depicting a favorite scene from the book. This project is due on the second Friday of school.

In anticipation of learning about New York State in fourth grade, I encourage your child to share their summer adventures from across the state. By sharing their experiences and the places they've visited, they can earn their first BLUE stone, which allows them to choose a reward on the first day back to school. Don't forget to include the names of the places visited and a photo of your child at those locations.

Lastly, I wanted to introduce you to the *Every Kid Outdoors* program by the National Park Service, which offers free entry to national parks and federal lands for all fourth-grade students and their families. This initiative aims to promote outdoor exploration, physical activity, and appreciation for the natural world, providing educational and memorable experiences for children.

I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning and growth with your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out. Enjoy the rest of your summer!

**Warm regards,
Mrs. Spain
Fourth Grade Teacher**

4th Grade ~ Holy Spirit School Classroom Supply List, 2023-2024

- (1) Two-inch binder with a clear cover
- (1) Five-subject spiral notebook – science, social studies, math, religion, and Ela
- (1) marble composition notebook - writing
- (1) Two-pocket folder – take home folder
- (6) Three-hole, two-pocket folders
- glue sticks
- (1) Three-ring binder pencil pouch
- (1) Pack of 16 Crayola Crayons
- (1) Pack of Crayola Colored Pencils
- (1) pair of headphones or earbuds
- #2 Pencils (no mechanical pencils, please)
- Boxes of tissues (both square and rectangle boxes are appreciated)
- (1) Ream of printer paper is appreciated, but not necessary (we use printer paper for our weekly religion drawings)
- (1) pack of loose leaf paper
- Daily morning snack
- NO scissors, pens of any kind, flair pens, sharpies, or pencil sharpeners, please. ONLY have your child bring to school the supplies needed for their daily work. Thank you!

If your child will be keeping a water bottle on their desk during the school day, please send a CamelBak Eddy Kids' 12 oz. Water Bottle or a comparable water bottle. Please do not send metal water bottles.

*It may be necessary to replenish supplies during the school year. If necessary, I will send an email home to let you know what supplies we need. Thank you!

It is not necessary to label names on notebooks or folders as we do that with stickers in class. Everything else can be labeled with your child's name. Please have all supplies by the first day of school. Please DO label sweatshirts and sweaters.