

Saint Ambrose School

Ms. Hall - 4th Grade

Expectations

- ✓ All students have a right to a classroom environment that is conducive to learning. Therefore, all students must comply with classroom and school rules.
- ✓ Students will be required to copy notes from the board in each subject on a regular basis.
- ✓ Tests will be given on a regular basis, with advance notice.

Classroom Rules:

1. Pay attention and stay on task during class.
2. Save talking and playing for lunch, recess, and breaks.
3. Add to class discussions with questions or comments that are appropriate. (Making fun of other students, making jokes or disrespectful remarks will not be tolerated) NO BULLYING!
4. Remain in your seat unless you are given permission to move.
5. Always raise your hand if you have something to say, do not call out or interrupt others.

Students who do not follow classroom rules will:

1. Receive a phone call at home (teacher to parent)
2. Participate in a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference



Ms. Hall's All Stars Reward Chart Contract



Each student starts each day with 4 stars. Students may get their stars taken away by being disrespectful to teachers or their classmates, not following directions, not raising his/her hand or shouting out answers before he/she is called on by the teacher, not exhibiting self-control, or not following classroom/school rules.

REWARDS: At the end of each day, each student who has 3 or 4 stars will receive a sticker on their reward chart. By the end of the week, each student who has earned 4 or 5 stickers will be entitled to participate in the "Fun Friday" activities from 1:15p.m. – 2:50p.m. "Fun Friday" activities include learning centers (math, science, social studies, writing, and vocabulary/spelling), reading genre bingo, idiom bingo, state bingo, landmarks bingo and more educational games.

CONSEQUENCES: Students who do not receive 4 or 5 stickers for the week will work independently at their seats or in the office.

- **1st star** taken away is a warning. (everyone makes mistakes and deserves a warning)
- **2nd star** taken away student loses 5-10 minutes of recess
- **3rd star** taken away the student will write a note home explaining to his/her parents why they lost 3 stars (using a template to help guide them)
- **4th star** taken away phone call home and/or parent conference

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 re-do and return the next day
- Written work should always be done in pencil. Note taking may be done with erasable pen
- 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
- Points will be deducted for late or incomplete assignments

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 combine)
- ✓ **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 help 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.sadlier-oxford.com/vocabulary/levels_color.cfm?sp=student&level=orange It consists of interactive games and other study material to help 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.sadlier-oxford.com/math/student_2006.cfm?sp=student&grade=4
- ✓ **Handwriting-** Our workbook will continue to help assist students with their cursive writing. This is usually given as morning work. **Starting January 4, 2016** all work, except math, is required to be written in cursive.
- ✓ **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-student-games.htm> It consists of interactive games to help assist our students with topics discussed in class.

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 four to five book reports throughout the year including the summer reading project. Book reports may be typed or hand-written.

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

Archdiocese of Washington (ADW) Grading System

A= 100-93

B= 92-85

C= 84-77

D=76-70

F=69 and below

Special Classes

Monday	SPANISH
Tuesday	ART P.E.
Wednesday	MUSIC
Thursday	LIBRARY
Friday	P.E. COMPUTERS