

Independence Christian School

Guide to Fourth Grade

2019-2019

Miss Clutter

Welcome to Fourth Grade

I have an exciting and challenging year of learning planned for fifth graders, and with your prayers and support I am sure each child will have a successful year.

Please keep this booklet for reference throughout the year. It contains information about the curriculum, school supplies, homework, field trips, and rules.

I believe that everyone is created in the image of God and is given special talents, abilities, and gifts. With loving discipline, I shall strive to bring out the students strength and to train them according to their needs.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I'm looking forward to getting to know you.

In His Service

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History/Geography



We cover U.S. History into the present and the State History of California.

Science



A variety of topics include: scientific method, plants, water cycle, astronomy, insects, and the human body. These are all taught from a perspective that our God the creator is an awesome God.

Language



Creative writing, sentences, paragraphs, elements of writing, eight parts of speech and diagramming.

Spelling & Penmanship



These subjects are taught daily.

Math



Two-digit division, three-digit multiplication, measures-metric and English, fractions, geometry and an introduction to algebra.

Reading



Comprehension and discussion are stressed throughout the day. Reading is done silently, orally in pairs, small groups, and whole class. Students are encouraged to read on their own, and they will have a free reading book in their desks at all times. Book reports are assigned every month to month and a half starting in October.

Bible



Bible replay with interactive videos show students how to walk with the Lord and how to dig deeper into his word. It teaches the importance of making godly choices in our daily lives.

Art/Music



For art, the students will be pulled out every Tuesday from 11-11:50 to work in various mediums and learn about different artists.

Physical Education



Participation and attitude are stressed. Students have PE every Monday and Friday from 11:15-12.

Homework



Student's job:

Do the homework and turn in completed homework on time.

Parent's job: Look to see that all homework has been done neatly and completely. If you don't feel the work is acceptable, please jot a note on the homework sheet.

That's it!!

It is not necessary for parents to check answers. Homework is structured to reinforce what the students are learning in class. Generally it will take about 45 minutes for the average student, plus book reports and special assignments. Any homework should be done on each student's skill level and is therefore to be done by that student only. If there is any difficulty, I would like to be informed. I can give them help or modify assignments as needed.

Graded



Any test papers with a grade lower than 70% will need to be signed and returned the following school day. Some papers will be kept for display in the classroom and sent home later.

Make-Up Work

If the office has been informed of an absence by 9:00 am (the day of the absence) make-up work will be ready for

pick up in the daycare room by 3:15 pm., if requested. Make-up days allowed for excused absences are equal to the days missed. At the teacher's discretion, not all class work needs to be made up from an extensive absence, nor will it adversely affect the grade. See school handbook for clarification of an unexcused absence.

Supply List



NIV Bible

school box to keep supplies in

1 box 48 count Crayola Brand crayons & markers

erasers for pencil ends & 1 large eraser

2 large glue sticks – 1 bottle of Elmer's glue

4 sturdy folders (2 pockets) to be used for homework

1 box tissues - 2 highlighter pens – 12" ruler – English/Metric

pencil sharpener with catch basin

2 packages lined index cards

1 box #2 pencils (Ticonderoga brand) per semester

2 packages notebook paper – college or wide ruled

1 package of Crayola pencils

1 pair of adult scissors

2 spiral bound notebooks

1 roll paper towels – 1 package baby wipes

school backpack – NO wheels

Parties



Our class will have a variety of parties during this school year. Some will be earned by students, and some will go along with holidays or what we are studying in class. If you want to do something to celebrate your child's birthday at school, please check with me in advance. We can then set aside a few minutes during recess, lunch time, or at the end of the day. If you wish to distribute birthday party invitations, please do so at the end of the school day, and EVERY student in class must be invited, or all boys or all girls.

Outside Reading



Free reading, chosen by the student, should be done every day, except Sunday, for at least 15 minutes. This will help build strong readers and help them learn to enjoy reading as they get into good books. Book reports will be assigned regularly – at least one per quarter. In general, books should be any kind of fiction or certain non-fiction, 150 pages, and pre-approved by the teacher. Due date will be noted on class calendar. Instructions will be given at the appropriate time as to details of writing the report. It is also important for the parents to approve the free reading books.

Grading & Returning Work

All work will be checked for neatness, completeness, or other criteria, but not all work is graded. Not all homework will be returned, as some will be kept in my files to monitor progress.

Field Trips



We plan to go on trips to learn about fourth grade subjects. If possible, our whole class will go to Rawhide Ranch where the students will be learning about nature and animals. Also, we try to explore Mission San Juan Capistrano.

Calendar



Check Gradelink and the Remind app.

Class Rules

1. Follow directions the FIRST time.
2. Show respect in your words and actions.
3. Complete all assignments on time and be prepared*
4. Raise your hand to speak and wait to be called.
5. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

* If students do not bring in needed materials on time, they should plan on doing extra work at recess.

Positive Consequences (whole class & individual) Students will be earning points based on these rules and have the opportunity to earn extra privileges and other prizes.

Negative Consequences (for one day at a time)

1st time any rule is broken-Warning

2nd time – 10 minute time out

3rd time - 20 minute time out

4th time – 30 minute time out & note sent home

5th time – Referral to the Principal

*Severe infractions include (but are not limited to): Fighting, disobedience, vulgar language, etc.

Excused and Unexcused Absence and Tardy Procedures

All children who have been absent, must return to school with a note (explaining their absence) in order to return to class. A written request is required for all pre-planned absences and must be approved by Mrs. Fowler at least one-week in advance.

Unexcused absences:

Family vacation

Trips to Disneyland

Family visiting from out of town-etc.

Remember, ALL requests must be in writing with at least one-week advance notice. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Excused absences:

Illness

Death in the family

Medical or Dental emergency

All students arriving at school after 8:30 am are considered late and must go to the office for an admittance slip. **An adult must accompany late students to the office.**

I am aware of the Absence & Tardy procedures.

Parent name _____

Student name _____ Date _____

Return signed form to school office or the teacher.