

Fourth Grade!

Dear Students and their Parents/Guardians:

I'm so very excited to have moved up to fourth grade with you! This year will be different, but we will still learn together and be each other's biggest fans. I'm so grateful that you are not only my first class at St. Jerome but also my second. The situation in the world may not be ideal, but these are challenges we will overcome together. Cheers to a brilliant year!

ATTENDENCE

It is very important for your child to be at school on a regular basis. When a child is absent from school for any reason, parents/guardians must call the school office daily. It is mandated by state law that when a child is absent, he/she must return to school with a written excuse for the absence. Three or more days absent in a row requires a note from your family physician. This year, we are asking you email an absence excuse to myself and Mrs. Smarr in the office.

GRADES

If I can tell you are putting forth effort and trying as hard as you can, you WILL NOT fail. I will do everything in my power to make you the best student you can possibly be. It will be tough at times. You may need to work harder than you ever have before, but the end result will be worth it. Together, we will accomplish great things!

MATH

20% - Homework (Will be posted on Google Classroom daily.)

20% - Quizzes

20% - Math Maintenance

- Each week, with few exceptions, you will get a math maintenance. You have all week to complete the problems. You are allowed to turn them in early if you want. (See policy for early turn-ins.) You may ask me for help. You may ask your classmates for help. You may ask your parents for help. Friday morning, they are **due** to me. After I mark them, you do have the option to correct the problems for half credit.

40% - Tests/Projects

READING

20% - Homework (Will be posted on Google Classroom daily.)

20% - Journals

20% - Projects

30% - Tests

GRAMMAR/WRITING

10% - Spelling Tests (This will be an average of all the tests for the trimester.)

20% - Homework (Will be posted on Google Classroom daily.)

20% - Quizzes

20% - Writing (Papers/Stories/Poetry/Etc.)

30% - Tests/Projects

SOCIAL STUDIES/SCIENCE

20% - Homework (Will be posted on Google Classroom daily.)

20% - Journaling

30% - Projects

30% - Tests

RELIGION

Mrs. Krajcirik will be teaching Religion. Please, see her with any questions.

HOMEWORK

Each trimester, you will have two “free” homeworks. You may use them in any subject I teach to you, or save them for later. They do carry over to the next trimester. I understand things come up and forgetfulness happens. After you use up the two “free” ones, I will deduct two points off your homework average for each assignment you miss. For example, if you use your free ones but forget to do your five times each one night, you have a 98% homework average for that class. Homework is put in place to help you learn and practice what we did/are doing in class. We will always start math homework in class, so I can be there to help, if necessary. Note: I will not accept late homework.

LATE POLICY

Projects, take home quizzes/tests, and math maintenance will be accepted up until a week late. However, each day late is a point deduction. I will not accept any work after that. It will go in to the grade book as a zero. Please, turn in work on time. Again, homework will not be accepted late. The day it is due is the day it is due.

TURNING IN WORK EARLY

Projects and math maintenance can be turned in early. Each day early can earn a bonus point on the grade of the project/maintenance. A maximum of three (3) bonus points per assignment can be gained.

ABSENCES

If you find yourself absent during the school year, it is your responsibility to make up the work missed. I will certainly help/teach/work with you; however, you must ask for that help. Please, do not wait until the day of a spelling test to ask for the words you missed. Any work due the day you were absent is due the day you return.

TESTS

This year, tests will be a combination of being taken on Google Classroom and paper. Paper tests will not be sent home each week, so please, check Option C regularly. If you have any questions about a grade, I will be happy to email you a copy of the test in question.

REACHING ME

I know that throughout the year, you will need to contact me. You can send an email (abachert@sjsr.school.com) or call the school. Please, give me 24 hours to respond to your question or thought. I may not return an email on the weekends. This is my time away to breathe, so thank you for being patient. I will return any correspondence on the next school day. If you have any concerns during the year, please do not hesitate to reach out and contact me.

REMIND APP

I use the Remind app a great deal during the school year. I encourage all parents to download the free app and sign up for notifications.

Signing up for text messages

1. Text my class code @bh826e to the phone number 81010.
2. Reply to the text messages from the Remind team.

Signing up for smartphone notifications

1. Download the Remind app on your Android or iOS device.
2. Open the app and create an account (or log in if you already have one).
3. Tap the + by classes joined and enter my class code @bh826e.

EXTRA THOUGHTS

- Please, keep a check on your child's grade on Option C.
- I will not be sending an email home after every missed assignment. Hopefully, there will not be any to send home about.
- We will be using cursive writing. Yes, this is mandatory. There have been many studies that prove there is a positive link between the fluidity of cursive writing and student achievement. This is a skill we will practice in many ways.
- This year is very different than anything we have ever experienced. We will need to work together more than ever before. However, I have no doubt we will succeed in spectacular fashion!

Thank you!

-Miss Bachert 😊