

Hello 4th Grade Parents,

We have had a great start to the 2025-2026 school year! Here are some quick notes to inform you of classroom procedures and how you can best assist your child.

Homework

Starting this coming week, students will receive a spelling list for the week. There will be a test on Friday. They will also receive a reading log (see below). Other homework includes assignments that were not completed in class. Students who use their time wisely in class may have little or no homework in addition to spelling and reading.

Agendas/Take Home Folder

Students are required to bring their agendas and take home folder home every night. Please initial their agendas every night. Homework should be highlighted.

Reading Logs

Beginning this week, students will receive a reading log. I strongly recommend at least 20 minutes of reading per night.

Corrections

Because learning is a process, students are allowed to redo work for full credit back on all assignments. Tests will be able to be corrected for half credit back. If a student receives a 75% or less on an assignment, they will be required to correct their work and turn it back in. Corrections are due a week after the original assignment was due.

Responsibility Rewards

In an effort to let grades reflect knowledge, I do not include irresponsibility into grades (for example, I do not dock points from a late assignment). In order to promote responsibility and good habits, students instead can lose responsibility "points". Each student begins the week with 5 points. Points kept for a week are added to the class total. When the class reaches 300 total points, they earn a class reward. Each week we add a new point to focus on. The skills we have focused on so far are: names on papers, papers turned in correctly, and keeping track of supplies. If a particular student struggles with these skills, I will add additional strategies to assist them with their growth in these areas.

Halloween Parties

We will celebrate Halloween on Friday, October 31st from 2:30-3:30. If you are interested in helping provide activities or food for the celebration, please reach out to me at mmick@stjudewichita.org. Thank you!