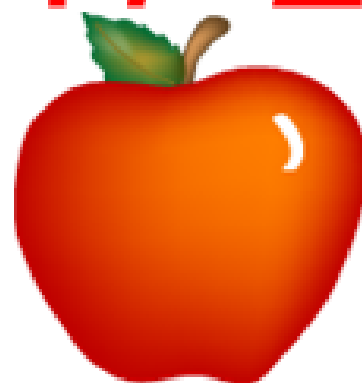


WELCOME TO
PARENT
ORIENTATION
2017-2018



4th Grade

4th GRADE WEBSITES

Mrs. Ampola- www.sls4kampola.weebly.com

Mrs. Walz- www.sls4thswalz.weebly.com

Ms. Miller- www.slsdmiller4.weebly.com



Updated Grading Scale

The Archdiocese of Detroit is requiring all Catholic Schools to use the following updated grading Scale.

A 100-93

B 92-83

C 82-72

D 71-60

F 59-Below

**There are no longer
+'s or -'s for
grades.**

Report Cards will be
Standards Based .

Subject Scoring

Test - 50%

Quiz- 30%

Homework - 20%

Work will be graded using a point system instead of by percentages.

First Semester Late Homework:

-10% off total grade

Second Semester Late Homework:

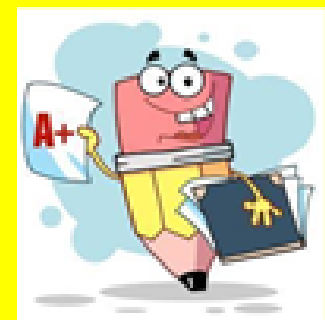
1 day late: -10% off total grade

2 days late: -30% off total grade

3+ days late: No credit

PowerSchool

Please log on to PowerSchool to check your child's grades. Grades will be updated on a regular basis. We plan to use mass email as a way to communicate important information.





Happy Thanksgiving



Every year the Fourth Grade celebrates Thanksgiving with a feast. This year our feast will be on **Wed., November 8th**. We start by hosting Mass on Wednesday morning at 9:30 am. We will have the turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and rolls catered. Parents will be asked to donate the extra food items we need. Each student will be asked to bring in \$20.00. This will cover the catered portion and paper products. Any remaining money will be put toward the 4th Grade Birthday Bash at the end of the year. Room mothers will contact you for donation sign up.

Students may dress up as either an Indian or a Pilgrim for this celebration. It is the family's responsibility to get their child a costume.

Happy Birthday 4th Grade

4th grade celebrates all our students birthdays with an end of the year Birthday Party. We have done this the last 4 years, and it has been a big hit with both parents and students.

We ask that you do not send in treats on your child's birthday. We will acknowledge them on their special day.





Science and Social Studies

This year, we will be using consumable Pearson textbooks for Science and Social Studies.

The books are available online and have many interactive features that students enjoy. When user names and passwords are available, they will be sent home. Please put them in your provided folder.

We will be following the standards given by the Archdiocese of Detroit.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

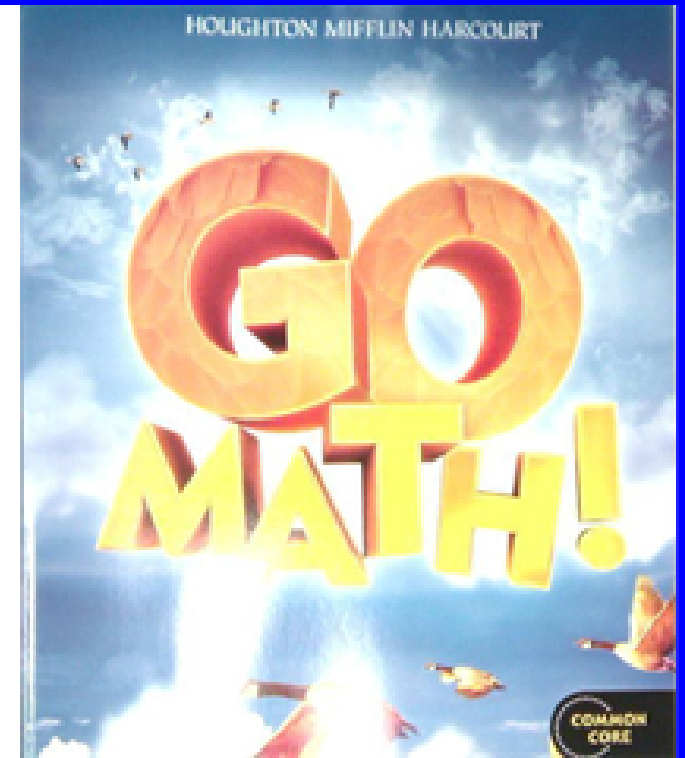
As a school wide curriculum, students in K-8 will be continue using the same writing program. Writer's Workshop gives students both the skills and language to help them become good writers.

On your child's supply list, they were asked to bring composition notebooks for using with Writer's Workshop. This will not go home with them. Samples of their writing will go home, but the notebook will ALWAYS stay at school.



Math-

K-5 will be using the same Math series as last year. It is aligned with the Common Core Standards. GoMath is available online and passwords will go home as soon as they are made available. Please put them in your provided folder.





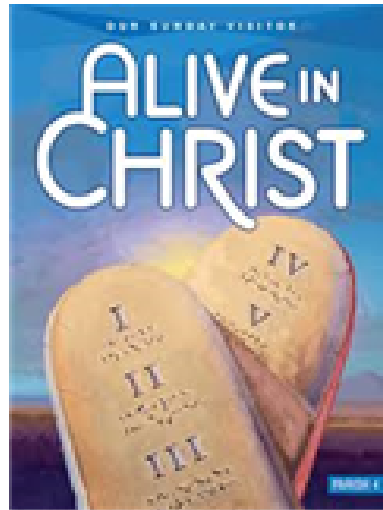
READERS WORKSHOP

4th Grade will be using
Reader's Workshop.

We will be using the Journey's Reading Program. In a whole group setting, lessons will give children the skills needed to make the most of their independent reading time. Teachers will then work in leveled groups to reinforce these skills.

This year, 4th graders will move from "learning to read" to "reading to learn". They must begin to using higher thinking skills that will allow them to do well in all subject areas.

Reading at home is still important in the 4th Grade. To help encourage reading at home, 4th graders will be given Reading Logs each week. Students will be expected to read 20 minutes 5 times a week. Please set aside time for your child to meet this requirement.



Religion- We will continue to use the religion series Alive in Christ by Our Sunday Visitor. This series has a wonderful website with extension activities for use at home and we encourage you to visit the website and have a look.

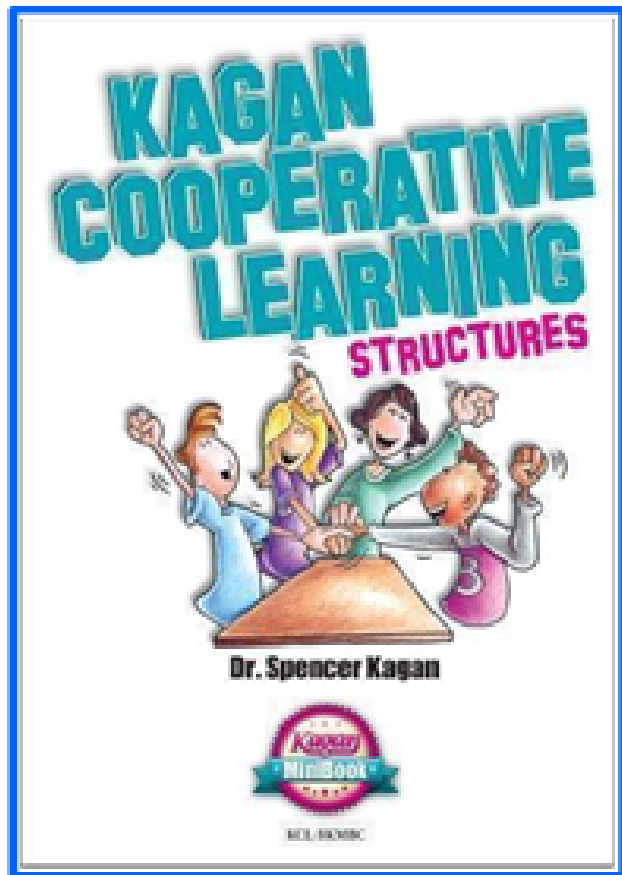
As always, faith begins in the home. We encourage you to attend Mass as a family on weekends and speak regularly about what your child is learning at school.

In order to observe spiritual growth and encourage self-reflection, the students at St. Lawrence will build a portfolio of different expressions and experiences of their relationship with God and the Church. The contents of the portfolio will come from various religious assignments and activities that take place in both the school and the home.

Signs of a Joyful Disciple

1. Know that God loves me.
2. I see God working in my life.
3. I read the bible.
4. I follow God's laws and seek forgiveness when I sin.
5. I worship God at church.
6. I talk to God in prayer.
7. I use my gifts to serve God and others.
8. I share the Good News of Jesus with others.
9. People know I love Jesus by the way I talk and act.
10. I look to Mary and the saints as examples of the joyful disciples.





Kagan

St. Lawrence staff has been trained to use Kagan Cooperative Learning.

What does this mean for your child:

- More Cooperative Learning
- Increased participation
- Improved communication skills
- Higher academic achievement

School Snacks

Please send your child to school with a healthy, nut-free snack. All 4th grade classrooms are nut-free.

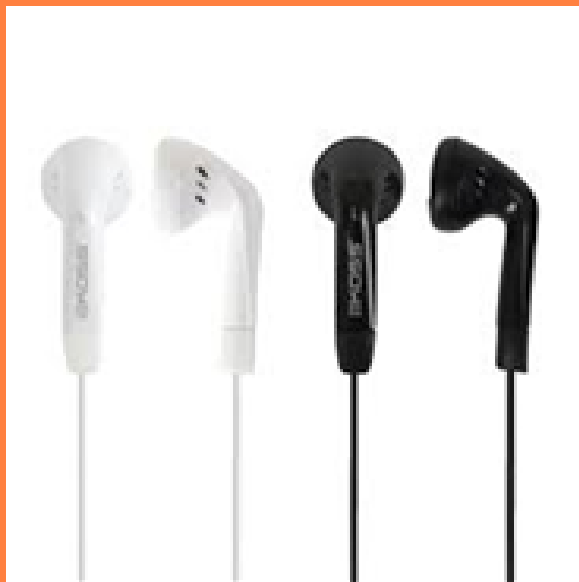
Snack ideas include:
Fresh fruit or vegetables
Granola bars
Popcorn
Whole grain crackers/pretzels



ADDITIONAL SCHOOL SUPPLY ITEMS:

We would like each child to bring in:

- One Expo marker
- Personal set of Ear Buds
- White Elmers glue
- One extra folder to keep inside their desk



School Uniform

All students are required to wear the STL logo this year in the most visible spot (ie. shirt, sweater, bib). Effective November 1st, if a student does not have a logo on, they will get a detention. Before November 1st they will get a written warning.

School Blues sells a patch that can be ironed on. EA Graphics will embroider shirts for a fee purchased elsewhere. If you would like to do that, you will need to bring the shirts to the school office and the office will contact EA Graphics to get it done. STL also sells shirts that are already embroidered along with School Blues.

Fathers and mothers, if you have children, they must come first. Your success as a family, our success as a society, depends NOT on what happens at the White House, but on what happens inside your house.



Barbara Pierce Bush
First Lady of the United States, 1989-1993
Mother of Five, Grandmother of Fifteen