Mrs. Deal's 4th Grade Handbook

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4th Grade Handbook

Communication

- I believe communication is key for a successful year! If you ever have a question, feel free to email me. Also, please let me know if there is anything going on at home which would affect your child during the school day (ie, traveling, family visiting, change of routine). Teamwork makes the dream work. ☺
- Class Newsletters are posted online every Thursday at familychristianschool.org under the 4th Grade section. Newsletters contain classroom updates, announcements, upcoming test dates, and homework information.
- A Weekly Folder will be sent home each Thursday with graded work from the previous week, as well as the following week's homework assignments. A copy of the newsletter will also be included in the folder.

Weekly Folder

- Weekly Folders go home on Thursdays and contain graded work, the following week's homework, test study guides, and a hardcopy of the classroom newsletter.
- Parents should sign the signature page in each folder to let Mrs. Deal know you received the graded work and other information.
- *Students will receive Junglebucks for returning an empty, signed weekly folder on Monday.*
- Students should transfer their homework assignments out of the weekly folder and into their MOOSE binder, to keep until we empty them in class.

MOOSE Binders

MOOSE = **M**anagement **O**f **O**rganizational **S**kills **E**veryday

A MOOSE Binder is a 3 inch binder that 4th graders use to stay organized. The purpose of the binder is to help students develop good organization techniques and habits.

Label 8 subject divider (with pockets!) in the following order:

- 1. Bible
- 2. Math
- 3. Vocabulary
- 4. Language
- 5. Reading
- 6. Science
- 7. Social Studies
- 8. Homework (this can be a hole-punched folder clipped into the MOOSE

Please ensure that the dividers have pockets on them (this helps with the organization ☺). If you would like to place a 3-hole-punched pencil pouch in the front of the MOOSE Binder, this is a great way to keep track of pencils! ***Please be careful when cleaning out papers from MOOSE. We typically keep quizzes/homework assignments until the test on the covered unit.***

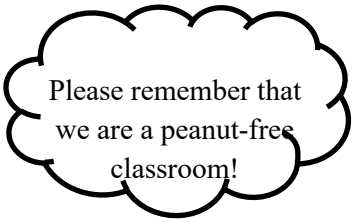
Homework

- Homework assignments can be due on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. No homework will be due on Fridays!
- Homework due dates will be printed in the weekly classroom newsletter the week before. They also are *strongly* encouraged to write down due dates in their agenda.
- Helpful Homework Hints. Homework is frequently due on the following days:
    - **Monday**-Science and History
    - **Tuesday**-Spelling and Daily Math Reminder (DMR)
    - **Thursday**-Reading Comprehension

Dismissal Changes

- <u>If there is a change in who will be picking up your child from school, please send me a note or email. I am not authorized to send your child home with other students without written or verbal permission from you.</u>

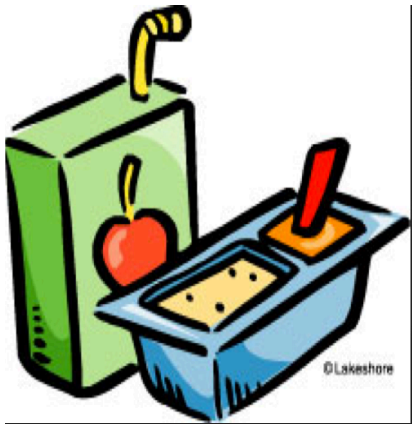
Birthday Celebrations



- Parents are welcome to send or bring in a peanut-free treat to celebrate a birthday in class. Please make sure there is enough for everyone in the class. Please e-mail Mrs. Deal to arrange the details.
- Please do not pass out birthday party invitations at school unless you are inviting everyone in the class.
- If your child has a summer birthday, please pick a day you want to celebrate during the year and coordinate with Mrs. Deal. We want everyone to be celebrated!

Lunch and Snacks

- Please pack a large snack or lunch for your student every day!
- Students do not have access to microwaves or refrigerators during the school day.
- Snack & break are held from 10:00-10:35 Monday, Tuesday, Thursday.
- Break is from 10:50-11:20 on Wednesdays and after Chapel on Fridays.
- Students are not allowed to bring candy or soda to school for their lunch/snack.



Dress Code

- Follow the official FCS Dress Code exactly as listed in the FCS Handbook. This can be found online.
- Smartwatches are not allowed in 4th grade. All cell phones will be collected every day and stored in the office.
- Occasionally, your child will be given a Casual Day pass for different rewards. In order to redeem a Casual Day pass, check the list of FCS approved dates. Make sure your child brings his/her pass to school on the day they wish to use it.

Lost and Found

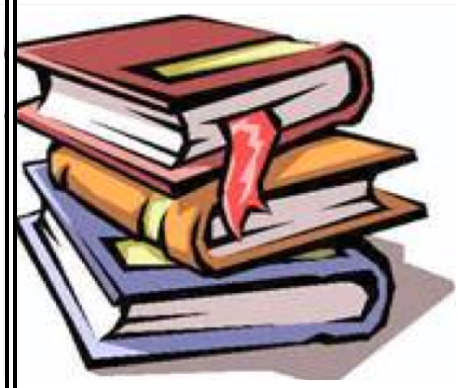
- On a regular basis, students' items are left outside, in the classroom, or on the playground. Any found items are placed in the Main Office in the Lost and Found bin. Please make sure you label all of your child's belongings- (especially outerwear and lunchboxes) before school starts!

Attendance

- Attendance is taken each morning when the National Anthem starts. If your child is not in our classroom, they will be counted tardy or absent. Class starts at 8:00AM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 10am on Wednesdays and Fridays.
- Children can be dropped off no earlier than 7:45am on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays. Students who arrive between 8am and 9:45am on Wednesdays and Fridays should report to Morning Care.
- Friday chapel attendance will be a part of the students overall Bible grade. Students are allowed one excused absence from Chapel each quarter.

Read 'n Quiz

- Read 'n Quiz is our school's online reading program. Each student needs to read 4 books *and pass* 4 quizzes on each book at 70% each quarter.
- Each student will be given a login and password for Read 'n Quiz at the beginning of the year.
- R'nQ only allows 1 re-take for a quiz, and you must wait 1 day to re-take.
- *Before a student begins reading a book*, please check on www.bit.ly/readfcs make sure that it is a site-approved book!
- ***NEW*!** So that students are getting a well-rounded and diverse reading experience, only 1 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' book can be read per quarter. Please encourage students to mix up and branch out to discover new reading interests.



Library

Every other week our class will visit the school library. During this time, students can check out books to read for Read 'n Quiz, and have silent reading time. Students may check out up to 2 books at a time and can keep them for 2 weeks at a time.

4th graders will visit the library every other Thursday.

Grading Policy

Progress reports are sent home every 4 weeks and report cards are issued every quarter. Any grade that a student receives that is below a 70% must be signed by a parent and returned to school.

Bible:
Classwork/participation: 25% Bible Verses: 35% Family Activity: 25% Chapel Attendance: 15%

Spelling:
Homework: 45% Tests: 55%

Language:
Classwork: 30% Tests 40% Quizzes 30%

Reading:
Classwork: 25% Read 'n Quiz: 40% Book Reports: 35%

Math:
Classwork: 25% Homework: 30% Tests: 45%

Social Studies:
Classwork: 25% Tests (closed book)/Projects: 45% Quizzes (open book) 30%

Science:
Classwork: 25% Tests (closed book)/Projects: 45% Quizzes (open book) 30%

Writing:
Rough Draft: 35% Final Draft: 45% Free Write: 20%

At-Home Instructional Study Hours

Beginning in 4th grade, each month students at FCS are required to complete additional instructional study hours at home. These hours can be obtained through a variety of activities: reading, homework, studying with parents, field trips to museums, etc. Any *outside-school learning* can be logged for these instructional hours.

Listed below are the **due dates**:
September 7 | October 7 | November 8 | December 7 | January 7 | February 7 | March 7 | April 7 | May 9

Classroom Management

Positive Reinforcement: Your child's behavior will be praised and rewarded all year long! Exceptionally wonderful behavior and examples of responsibility will earn "Jungle Bucks" which can be redeemed for prizes such as hat day, no shoes day, or the class can work together to earn a movie day or other fun day.

This will be tracked through our Class Dojo. Please download the app and join our class with link I sent so you can see when your student earns points and spends them.

Consequences: When a classroom rule is broken, the following progressive discipline system will be followed:

1 – Re-enforcement of rule/expectation.

2 – Warning.

3 – If a student doesn't change their behavior, they will be removed to the hallway to discuss the needed redirection. An email/note will be sent home. Student will also have to complete a behavior form to return to his/her teacher.

If the behavior doesn't change and remain consistent, the student will be sent home. If a student is sent home three times in a school year, they will no longer be able to be a student at FCS. Our desire is to create a positive learning environment for all of our students.

4th Grade Read-Aloud Books

We have some fantastic novels to look forward to reading together this year! Please purchase a copy of each of these books for your child to read along to this year. I recommend looking on www.amazon.com to order the books for a cheap price! Used or Refurbished books are perfectly acceptable. Your student may use these books in the same 9 weeks for a Read 'N Quiz if they like.

We will not be using e-readers of any kind during the year, so please purchase a physical copy of the book, not an electronic copy.

Book	**Please Have in Class By:**
The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe by C.S. Lewis Read N Quiz 5.7 *We have enough copies for the class. No need to purchase if you don't want to.	August 9th
Craig and Fred ***young readers edition*** by Craig Grossi	October 12th
The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis Read N Quiz 4.7	January 4th
City Spies by James Ponti Read N Quiz 5.6	March 21st

Contact Information

If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email me and I would be happy to schedule a time to meet with you.

Mrs. Deal: e- mail bethcorbin@hotmail.com