

NLA 4th Grade
Handbook
2022-2023

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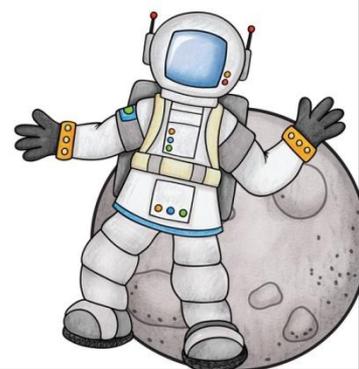
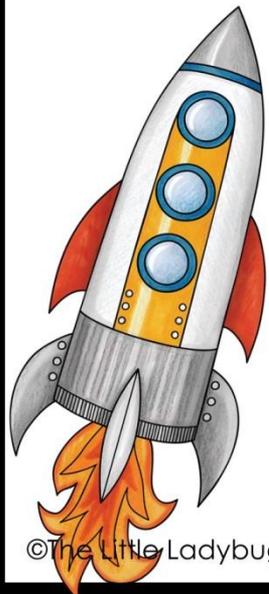
Welcome!



Fabulous 4th Grade Parents:

Thank you for coming to NLA Parent Orientation. I am looking forward to working with you as a team educating your child. Both teachers and parents have the unique opportunity to have a positive effect on a child's life. Therefore, I feel it is extremely important that we work together to provide your child a quality education. I encourage you to communicate with me as often as needed; especially if you have any questions or concerns. Our interaction is essential to your child's education—both academically and behaviorally. If you would like to discuss your child's progress with me, please email me or call the school office, and I will contact you as soon as possible. I will also be happy to set up an after-school conference with you. My email address is aorourke@newlifeschool.com. Thank you, once again, for your involvement in the educational process. I am looking forward to working with you to make it an exciting school year.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Alys O'Rourke



Behavior Plan

"CHILDREN ARE NOT BORN WITH AN UNDERSTANDING OF THE RULES OF ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR- THEY HAVE TO LEARN THEM, AND NEED ADULTS TO HELP DO THIS."

Class Rules

1. Follow directions the first time
2. Raise your hand for permission to speak or leave your seat.
3. Work quietly and do not disturb others.
4. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.

An important element of a good education is a quiet, distraction-free learning environment. I believe that life-long success depends greatly on self-discipline. Therefore, I have developed a classroom management plan that gives every student the opportunity to manage his/her own behavior. Your child deserves the most positive educational climate possible for academic, social, and spiritual growth. Therefore, students will adhere to four above basic rules.

To enforce positive behavior, our class will use a behavior bucks system. This system promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor their behavior. How does this work?

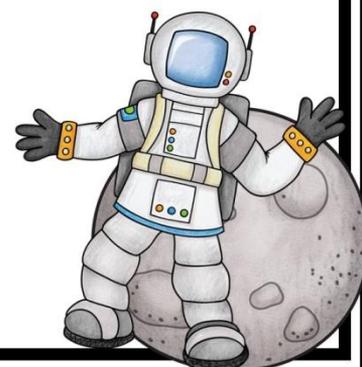
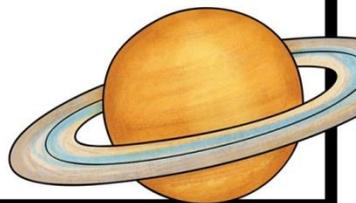
During the course of the day, students have the opportunity to earn a behavior buck each time they are caught making positive behavior choices such as:

1. walking quietly in the halls
2. entering the classroom quietly
3. quietly completing their work
4. being kind to fellow classmates
5. not talking while the teacher is teaching a lesson
6. having good behavior at lunch

All earned behavior bucks will be deposited into the student's bank account daily. Every Friday, students will have the opportunity to go to our class store to buy coupons to use in the classroom or other small items like candy, school supplies, toys, etc.

Consequences

Conversely, inappropriate behavior causes the student to lose a behavior buck. Any student that does not earn 25 bucks during the week, will not be allowed to go to the class store on Friday. Students that lose behavior bucks will also have fewer bucks to purchase coupons or other items from our class store.

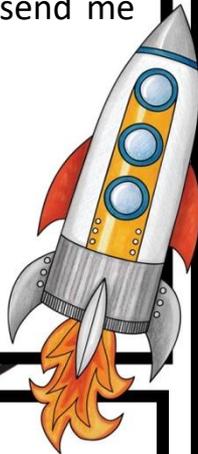


Communication

As previously stated, communication is vital to the success of your child's education. I encourage you to communicate with me as often as possible and I will communicate with you through the following methods:

Daily Homework Sheet

You can check your child's daily behavior on the homework sheet. If you have any questions or concerns, you may write a note on this homework sheet or send me an email.

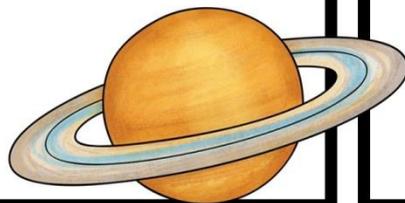


Email

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. My email address is:
aorourke@newlifeschool.com.

Progress Reports

Progress reports will be emailed to you every two weeks. Please contact me immediately if you have any questions or concerns.

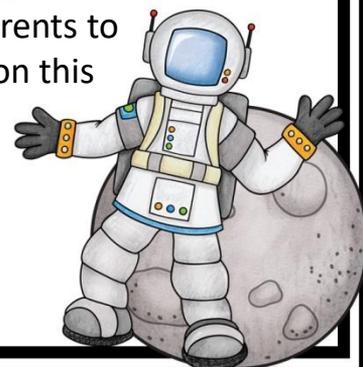


Friday Folders

Every Friday your child will bring home a folder with tests, quizzes, and important papers. Review each paper with your child. A parent must sign the tests and quizzes packet in the weekly Friday folder. Please return the signed tests and quizzes packet in the folder on Monday. Signing the tests and quizzes packet confirms that the parent has seen all the recorded grades for that week. You may keep all the other papers at home. A weekly note will also be in the Friday folder. This note will contain the test and quiz schedule for the next week and any other important classroom news.

Bloomz App

Another exciting line of communication between teacher and parents is the Bloomz app. This is an app for your phone or tablet to get updates on class activities, behavior, and class calendar. Parents will also be able to private message me on this app. Please check your email during the first week of school. I will invite all parents to join the 4th grade class on this app during that time

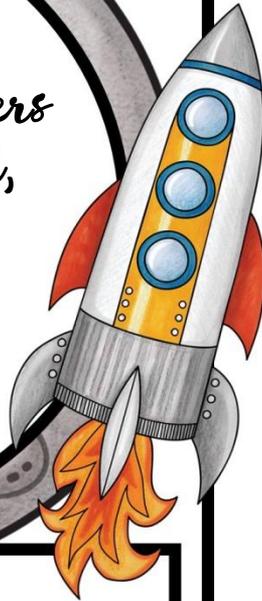


Homework

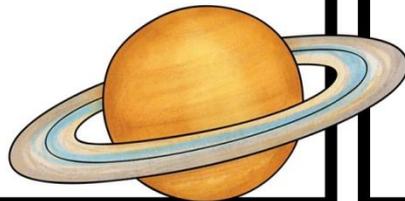
Once your child has completed his/her homework, please initial the homework sheet in the appropriate box.

"When parents or guardians and teachers work together well, everyone wins."

-Julia Thompson

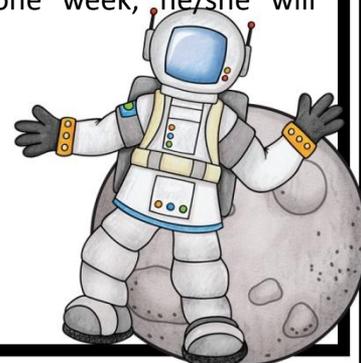


At the beginning of each week, the students will receive a weekly homework assignment sheet. Each morning, the students will write all the daily homework on this sheet. Students will be given some class study hall time each day to complete this homework. Any assignments that are not finished during study hall time need to be completed as homework. I will put my initials next to any assignments that your child has already completed in class. Students will receive study sheets for science, history, and health tests and quizzes. Please check your child's homework binder for these study sheets. We also use the Quizlet app to help review.



On the homework assignment sheet, you will also be able to see how many behavior bucks your child has earned each day. Remember, your child should earn at least 5 bucks each day. Please check this daily and contact me immediately if you have any questions or concerns. When your child finishes his/her daily homework, a parent or responsible adult should verify that the student has completed all assignments. If your child has completed his/her homework, please sign your initials in the appropriate signature box. If your child does not complete the assignments, please do not sign the signature box.

Homework will be checked daily at school. Students will receive bucks for completing homework. Homework will be considered incomplete if the assignment sheet is not initialed by an adult and/or the homework is not finished. If an assignment is turned in one day late, it will be half off the point value. An assignment will not be accepted more than one day late (unless prior arrangements have been made with the teacher). If a student has 3 days of incomplete homework in one week, he/she will receive a detention.

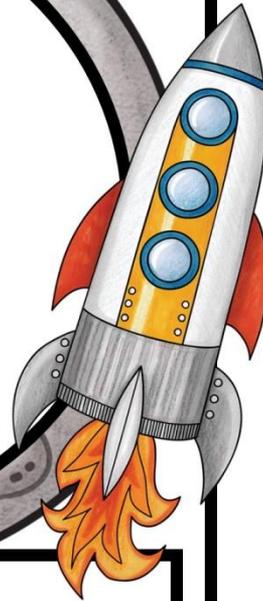


Miscellaneous



Grading Scale

A 100-94
A- 93-92
B+ 91-89
B 88-86
B- 85-83
C+ 82-81
C 80-78
C- 77-76
D+ 75-73
D 72-70
D- 69-68
F 67-0

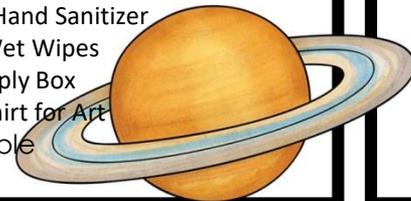


Snack Time

Every day we will have snack time during our morning math lesson. Students may bring a snack and a drink in a water bottle. **It must have a lid on it.**

Supply List

3 Pkgs. of Wide Rule Paper
A 3-Ring Binder
1 Pkg. Expo Dry Erase Markers
3 Pkgs. of #2 pencils
1 Large Eraser
12" Metric/Standard Ruler
2 Highlighters Scissors
5 Glue Sticks
3 Large Boxes of Kleenex
Colored Pencils
1 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
2 Boxes of Wet Wipes
School Supply Box
Old Large T-shirt for Art
KJV Bible



Daily Schedule

8:30-8:45 Morning Routine
8:45-9:00 Bible
9:00-9:30 Spelling
9:30-10:25 Math
10:25-10:50 Recess Break
10:50-11:50 Language
11:50-12:15 Lunch
12:15-12:40 Recess Break
12:40-1:15 History
1:15-1:45 Science
1:45-2:15 Reading
2:15-2:30 Penmanship
2:30-3:20 Study Hall
3:20-3:30 Pack Up
3:30 Dismissal

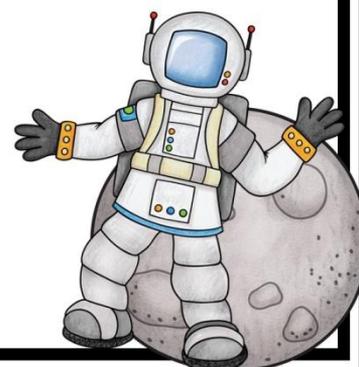
Honor Roll Requirements

"A" Honor Roll

Students must have a 92% cumulative average or better. No C's are permitted.

"B" Honor Roll

Students must have an 83% cumulative average or better. Only one "C" is permitted.



Special Days



Class Parties

Periodically, we will take time to celebrate major holidays/events with a class party. Each student will be asked to bring an item for these parties (i.e. cookies, chips, drinks). A sign-up sheet will be posted the week prior to the celebration. We will also on occasion have a class party to celebrate an accomplishment (i.e. meeting a class goal). These will usually be short celebrations (at no expense to the parents).



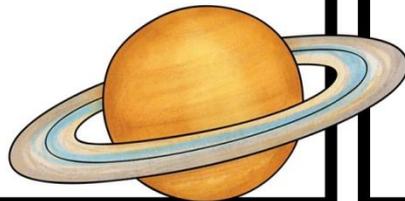
Birthdays

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday by sending a treat, you may do so. This treat will be served during lunch time. If your child has a summer birthday, you may choose if or when you would like to celebrate that birthday with the class. Please let me know the day before so that I can decorate the class for your child's birthday.

Fun Fridays

The last Friday of each month will be designated as a "Fun Friday". On these special days, we will do the following fun activities:

- August: Marshmallow Day
- September: Let's have a Ball!
- October: Game Day
- November: Fruity Tooty Party
- December: Candy Cane Day
- January: Coolest Party Ever
- February: Minute to Win It
- March: Bubble Gum Day
- April: Glow in the Dark Party
- May: Cinco de Mayo on May 5th and Hawaiian Luau on May 19th



Field Trips

Field trips are an exciting opportunity to leave the classroom and learn many interesting things about the world around us. Once a quarter our class will go on a field trip. All parents are welcome to join us. Please sign-up to attend the field trip of your choice. We will need a couple of parents to help with transportation for each field trip. Information about the field trip and a permission slip will be sent home prior to the trip. Please sign and return the permission slip by the due date.

