

4th Grade

T.E.A.M.

Handbook

2023-24

New Life Academy

Teacher: Mrs. O'Rourke



Classroom Rules & Discipline Procedures

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 five basic rules:

1. Raise your hand to speak or leave your seat.
2. Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself.
3. Listen when your teacher is talking.
4. Follow directions quickly and quietly.
5. Be safe. Be kind. Be honest.

To enforce positive behavior in the classroom, our class will use a behavior buck system. This system promotes positive behavior choices and encourages students to self-monitor his/her behavior. How does this work? During the day, students have the opportunity to earn a behavior buck each time he/she is caught making positive behavior choices such as: walking quietly in the halls; entering the classroom quietly; quietly completing their work; being kind to fellow classmates; not talking while the teacher is teaching a lesson; having good behavior at lunch; etc. Conversely, inappropriate behavior causes the student to lose a behavior buck.

Rewards

Students should earn at least 5 bucks each day (25 bucks for the week). On the first and third Friday of each month, students will have the opportunity to spend their bucks in the classroom store.

Consequences

If a student behaves inappropriately and does not have a behavior buck to give to the teacher, he/she will lose 5 minutes of recess for every buck owed.



Homework

At the beginning of each week, each student will receive a weekly homework assignment sheet. All homework for that week will be found on this sheet. Any assignments that are not finished during study hall time will be added to the homework sheet. Make it a habit each day to check that your child's homework is completed. **Parents should only sign the homework sheet if the student has completed the homework for that evening.** On this sheet, there will be a "Daily Bucks" column where I will record your child's earned bucks.

Homework will be checked daily at school. **Homework will be considered incomplete if the assignment sheet is not signed by the parent 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. If a student has 3 days of incomplete homework in one week, he/she will receive a detention.

At the end of each month, your child will be rewarded for completing his/her homework each day for that month.



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:

Email

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. My email address is: aorourke@newlifeschool.com. I will be using emails as my main way to communicate this year.

Friday Folders

Each 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 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 news.

Progress Reports

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

Parent/Teacher Conferences

Parent-Teacher Conferences are vital to the success of your child's education. Conferences will take place on October 31 and March 19. Please make plans to attend.



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

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.

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

Special Schedule Changes

Music: Mon. & Wed. 1:35-2:05

PE: Thursday 1:20-1:50

Art: Friday 2:30-3:20

Supply List

- 3 Pkgs. of Wide Rule Paper
- (1) 3-Ring Binders (1.5")
- 1 Pkg. Expo Dry Erase Markers
- 3 Pkgs. of #2 pencils
- 2 Large Erasers
- 12" Metric/Standard Ruler
- 3 Highlighters
- Scissors
- Glue
- 3 Glue Sticks
- 3 Large Boxes of Kleenex
- Colored Pencils
- 1 Small Bottle of Hand Sanitizer
- 1 Box of Wet Wipes
- Backpack (Large)
- School Supply Box
- Old Large T-shirt for Art
- Bible (KJV)



Important Dates

10/30 Harvest Party
10/31 Parent/Teacher Conferences
11/13-16 Spirit Week
11/21 Thanksgiving Party
12/15 Christmas Party
2/14 Valentine's Day Party
3/19 Parent/Teacher Conferences
4/21 Easter Party
5/23 Last Day of School

Class Parties

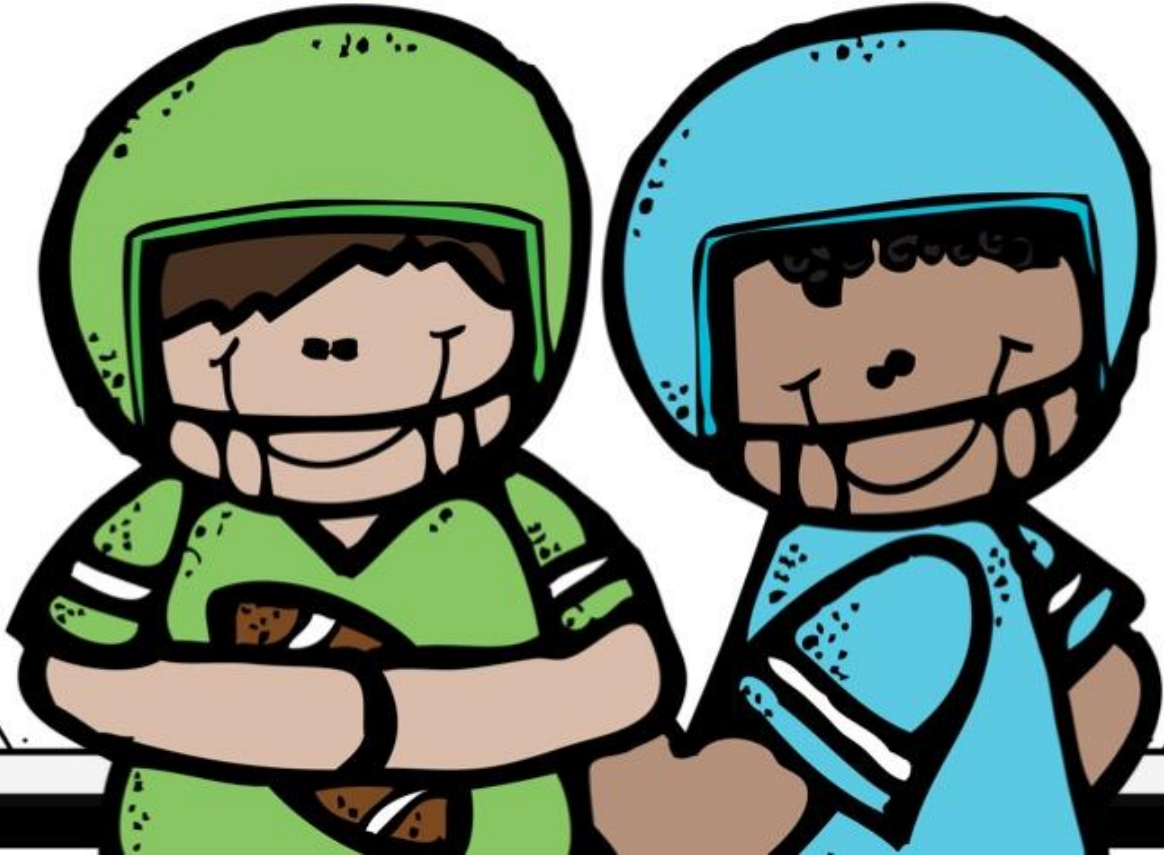
Periodically, we will take time to celebrate major holidays/events with a class party. Each student will be asked to bring an item for these parties (i.e. cookies, chips, drinks). A sign-up sheet will be posted the week prior to the celebration.

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 and at no expense to the parents.

If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday by sending a treat, you may do so. This treat will be served during morning snack time or lunch time.

Field Trips

Field trips are an exciting opportunity to leave the classroom and learn many interesting things about the world around us. Our class will go on 3 field trips. 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 2 weeks prior to the trip. Please sign and return the permission slip by the due date. I will let you know as soon as possible the dates for each field trip.



Bible

Textbook: *The Holy Bible*

Memorization: Each month students will memorize Bible verses. This year we are memorizing verses in Acts. See list below.

Bible Lessons: We will cover many Bible stories and concepts throughout the year through a variety of methods. Students will also memorize the books of the Bible. We have an awesome Bible journal we use to ask questions and discuss how each Bible lesson is practical in our lives today.

Chapel: NLA has a chapel service for grades K-5 every other Tuesday. During these chapel services, students have the opportunity to pray, worship God through songs, and listen to a guest speaker teach about the Bible.

Grading: The following will be used to determine the quarter grade:

1/2 Memorization

1/2 Participation

September: Acts 1:1-7

October: Acts 1:8-14

November: Acts 2:1-8

December: Acts 2:12-18

January: Acts 2:37-43

February: Acts 3:1-5

March: Acts 3:6-11

April: Acts 6:1-8



Fabulous Fourth Grade Parents:

Welcome to a new school year! This will be filled with excitement, fun, and learning. Your child will be given the tools and the opportunities to really explore knowledge. I believe that learning can be an enjoyable journey, where in the end we can all grow and develop a true love of learning, discover our strengths and passions, and determine our purpose.

I value open communication between school and home. I will keep inconstant communication with you concerning the events in the classroom the academic gains and/or struggles for your child. If I have any concerns I will contact you immediately. On the other hand, if you feel there is a concern, please contact me as soon as possible. Together you and I can work to ensure that your child is successful. What a team we can make!

I know we are going to have a wonderful year! If you need anything, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to assisting your child in discovering his or her passion and making this an all-star year!

Yours in education,
Mrs. O'Rourke

