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### **Specials:**

Monday- Spanish and PE  
Tuesday- Spanish and Music  
Wednesday- Mass/Rosary, Spanish, Art, and Library  
Thursday- Spanish, Technology, and DOJO redemption  
Friday-Spanish and PE

### **Specials Information:**

P.E. - Wear your P.E. uniform, wear sneakers, and bring a water bottle.  
Spanish- Check Renweb for homework assignments and quiz dates.  
Library- Bring books every Wednesday to exchange.

### **Arrival:**

Students should meet with their class in their MAC between **7:45 and 8:00**. We will start prayer promptly at 8:00. Morning care is available from 7:00 a.m. - 7:45 a.m. if needed.  
\*After 8:00 you are considered "tardy." Students who are tardy miss the Morning Prayer, which is an important formative moment in the school day.

### **Dismissal:**

We leave school on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday at 3:30. On Wednesday, we leave at 2:30. If your child will be attending after-care or if someone other than yourself will be picking your child up from school you need to update your Pick-up Patrol. Please remember that these procedures are all made with the safety of your child in mind.

### **Reminders:**

- Look for emails from me or our room mom, Katie Groff in regards to supplies needed and celebrations during the year.
- Send your child with an umbrella in their backpack or it can stay in their cubby here at school.
- Send a labeled water bottle every day.
- Homework will be posted on Renweb and written in your child's planner. (Things might change once in a while, so trust your child.)
- We want to create awareness of the importance of the usage of spelling and grammar through all writing no matter the subject, so spelling and grammar through all writing no matter the subject, so spelling and grammar might have an impact on grades in any assignment.
- During drop-off and dismissal please have your last name displayed on the passenger side of your front dash, so the caller can easily read your sign.
- Thor Guard: When a lightening alert is in place during drop-off or dismissal, a text message and email will be sent to all parents whp are registered in Renweb.

I am looking forward to a wonderful year teaching your children in fourth grade. We have a great group of students this year. Please be assured that they are in safe hands at Royal Palm Academy.

Feel free to call or email me at any time. I am available for conferences by appointment as well.

## Math Curriculum Overview

- Mathematical Reasoning
- Number sense and operations
- Measurement and practical applications
- Geometry
- Patterns, functions, and Algebra
- Data analysis, probability, and statistics
- Technology
- Mathematical Communications
- Textbook- Sadlier-Oxford Progress in Mathematics- Grade 4

## Science Curriculum Overview

- Scientific terms and concepts
- Scientific skills and procedures
- Application of Mathematical concepts
- Scientific thinking
- Scientific communication
- Meaning and application of scientific knowledge
- Truth and ethics
- Textbook- Scott Foresman- Grade 4

## Religion Curriculum Overview

- Christian Revelation: Faith
- Celebration of the Christian Mystery: Sacraments
- Life in Christ: Morality
- Christian Prayer
- Cultivating the Virtues- Monthly Virtues
- Textbook- Faith and Life Series- Grade 4

## Grading

The percentage breakdown for Math, Science, and Religion is as follows:

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| • Classwork/Homework | 20% |
| • Quizzes            | 30% |
| • Tests/Projects     | 50% |

## Classroom Rules:

- 1) Raise your hand to ask permission to speak.
- 2) Keep your hands and feet to yourself.
- 3) Treat others the way that you would like to be treated.
- 4) Show respect and listen while others are speaking.
- 5) Always try your best!

## **Classroom Management:**

The goal of my classroom is to create a safe and fun environment where each child can grow both academically and spiritually, as well as to continue to develop appropriate social skills. I hope to guide each child individually to reach all of their goals. To ensure success in these areas, I use a behavior system that is based on positive reinforcement.

## **Positive Reinforcements:**

- Classroom Dojo points and redemptions: erasers, pencils, desk pets (erasers), water bottle stickers, candy, homework passes, treasure box, coupons, extra recess, etc.
- Happy Notes: handwritten notes that are announced to the class and usually contains a small treat/prize
- Positive Conduct Certificates
- Brain breaks: short challenges, yoga poses,
- GoNoodle: little videos to get the students up and moving, or calm and collected 😊

(These behavior systems may change periodically throughout the year depending on success and necessity.)

## **Classwork**

Anything completed together in class is expected to be done in the way in which it is modeled for the student. A document camera is occasionally used to project the assignment and students are expected to follow along and complete the assignment with the teacher. Students are also expected to notify the teacher if they have a question, are confused, lost or are missing necessary materials. The teacher will keep them on track but they must communicate and voice their needs during class.

## **Homework**

Fourth Grade is a year of great growth and responsibility. As such, it is important that homework is completed to the best of the student's ability and on time. Students will not have homework in every subject each night, but when they do, it should always be written in their student planner. Homework is always posted on the board and students are given ample time and explicit directions on where in the planner the assignments go. Students are expected to write their assignments daily. You may also check FACTS/RenWeb as a back-up. Student's agenda should have the most accurate assignments written. (Sometimes plans/assignments change based on how the lessons went in class.)

Additionally, students will be asked to work on various stages of projects and/or reports as homework. Of course, project/report assignments will always be clearly defined and given with sufficient notice.

## **Quizzes, Tests, Reports, and Projects**

All quizzes, tests, reports, and projects will be posted in FACTS/RenWeb under the subject. Students will be notified in advance as well as given ample time to complete the assignments. Tests will always be on material that has been covered in class. Students will use their notes and activities to help them study for the test. There will be many quizzes, tests, projects and reports given throughout each quarter. Projects and reports will be graded based on a rubric that students will be given in advance.

## Absences

When students are absent, it is up to them to make-up their work. The assignments will be given to them, paper clipped to a “while you were out” paper, along with a due-date. These assignments are then posted in FACTS/Renweb as missing, which automatically assigns the student a zero. Once completed, turned in and graded, the grade will be entered and the “missing” will disappear. If not received by the due date, the assignment will then remain a 0. This helps keep the student on track, their grades up-to-date, and parents can see that their child has missing work.

## Communication

Your child’s blue “home folder” and planner should go home each night and is expected to be returned to school the following day. Any papers expected to be returned will be placed in the “Return to School” pocket on the left side of the folder. Papers in the “Keep at Home” pocket should be cleaned out each week.

It is important for teachers and parents/guardians to work together and stay in communication with each other, uniting our efforts to educate your children. I promise to reach out when I see concerns, as well as notable behaviors. We can stay connected through:

- **FACTS/RenWeb-** All student assignments and grades are posted on this online gradebook.
- **Phone Calls/Emails-** you may call the school and leave me a message, or if I am not teaching a class, we can talk. You can also email me at [Jclarke@RoyalPalmAcademy.org](mailto:Jclarke@RoyalPalmAcademy.org)
- **Conferences-** in addition to the scheduled conferences, first and third quarters, you may choose to meet with me throughout the year. Please call or email me to schedule an appointment that works for both of us.

## Final Notes

My promise to you and to your children is that I will give the students my time, respect, and my greatest effort as their teacher. You will hear me refer to my students as my children this year because we are one family here at R.P.A.

“It is not enough to love the young; they must know that they are loved.” St. John Bosco

I look forward to a fabulous fourth grade year. Let’s make it the best yet!

Many thanks and blessings,

**Jen Clarke | 4th Grade Math, Science, and Religion Teacher**

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