

Welcome Back!

I hope you all had an awesome summer. Why does it seem like summer vacation always goes too fast? I was able to spend some time in Wisconsin with family and friends and had a fun time in Jamaica in July along with just relaxing with a glass of lemonade and a good book in the shade. I hope this summer provided you and your families some wonderful memories, too!



I am so excited for the upcoming school year and am hoping your child is looking forward to it as well. I am going to work very hard at making this a successful year for everyone. I have many new plans for learning and will keep a few of the routines that worked so well in place.

Our classroom behavior plan worked well last year and I will continue to have students sign our book and reflect on their behavior choice working together to come up with possible solutions to work toward better choices in the future. If I need to talk to anyone more than once regarding any disruptive behavior I will email or contact you for your support. Thank you for your help last year and I know I can count on it again if necessary. Working together we are teaching the children how to become responsible, caring people who model Christ in all we do.

Homework in 4th grade- the students should be using a planner to keep track of any homework and upcoming tests. Homework will be updated on the website so you can also keep track of homework online. What to expect as far as homework- study for tests, nightly math practice, spelling tests can be taken on line each week using spelling city (information will be coming home next week with log-ins), reading, and occasional homework in content area learning. If your child is spending an hour or more on homework, please contact me. We are very busy during our 7 hours together and a lot of what we are doing is designed as in class activities and discussions that cannot be taken home as "homework". If I feel additional practice is needed I will adjust homework as necessary for everyone to be successful.

We have an updated classroom website-

<http://pjustus.weebly.com/>

I am going to do my best to create an exciting, new 4th grade year for the students. They have the same teacher but we have a new room and new content to learn and I will mix in some new activities with some old favorites to make this "The Best Year of our Lives" (that was our class song from last year I wonder who remembers it?).

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.- fast direct, email- [paulajustus@slcas.org](mailto:paulajustus@slcas.org) or my cell - 314-435-0771

Excited about 4th Grade!  
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