

# Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL!

2021-2022

St. John Fisher School  
4th Grade





# Meet the **TEACHER**

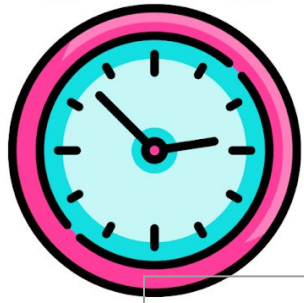
**Mrs. Laura Kovatch**  
4th Grade Language Arts  
(Reading & Writing) and Spelling

**Mrs. Phyllis Sullivan**  
4th Grade Math & Science

**Mrs. Sherry Hughes**  
4th Grade Math & Science

**Mrs. Courtney Namoff**  
4th Grade Grammar,  
Social Studies, & Religion





# Daily SCHEDULE

8:05-9:30	Grammar, Social Studies, and Religion
9:30-10:55	Math and Science
11:05-11:25 11:30-11:50	Lunch Recess
12:00-12:45	Specials
12:50-2:15	Reading, Writing, & Spelling
2:15-2:40	Homeroom Work: Handwriting, IReady
2:40-2:55	Go over Homework & Pack for Dismissal

**Specials**  
Monday:  
Library/SEL  
Tuesday: Gym  
Wednesday: Art  
Thursday: Spanish  
Friday: Computers





# ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL

- 4th Graders enter school each morning through the Kane Hall Driveway Doors.
- A-L arrives at 7:45 AM
- M-Z arrives at 7:50 AM
- The bell for tardies rings at 7:55 AM.
- At the end of the day, the 4th graders are dismissed through the same Kane Hall Driveway doors. If there are any change of dismissals, feel free to call the office and they will let us know.





# Classroom RULES

-All of the rules in the 4th grade classrooms center around these expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Prepared
- Be Safe
- Be Kind





# School **POLICIES**

- We follow the SJF Handbook's policies for demerits and detentions.
- A demerit can be given for things like; disrupting class, inappropriate behavior, not returning signed parent notices, etc.
- An accumulation of 3 demerits in a trimester results in a detention being issued.





# BIRTHDAYS

-Students are allowed to bring in treats to celebrate their birthday. All treats must be store-bought; nothing can be made at home.





# HOMework

-4th graders will most often have homework each night. This includes things like reading independently, practicing math facts, and studying for tests/quizzes in addition to written homework.

-Sometimes work that is not finished in class may be assigned to be completed at home.

-If assigned homework is not completed, students will receive a Homework Slip that will need to be signed by a parent and returned the next day with the completed assignment.

-Late assignments can result in a 10% reduction in grade for each day it's late.







# COMMUNICATION

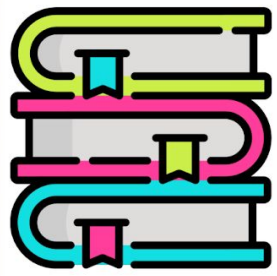
-Each teacher has a blog that can be found on the school website. We will post important information about our classes each week.

-We will also utilize the ClassTag app to send communication to all 4th grade parents. If you haven't received an email to join, let us know and we will make sure to get a correct email address.

-We can all be reached on our .us accounts.

-Be sure to follow us on Instagram to see all the fun we have each week: @funin4thsjf





# READING

- We will be using the HMH Into Reading series this year. We will usually read one story a week and concentrate on different reading skills each week.
- There will be a reading test every Friday, unless otherwise noted. Tests will include vocabulary words, a multiple choice section, and a short answer/extended response section.
- Students will complete AR tests throughout the year. (Points per trimester: Trimester 1 = 8 points). Students will also complete a variety of book reports.
- We will utilize IReady each week (Expectation = 45 minutes).





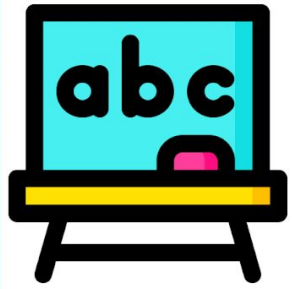
# WRITING

-We will do a variety of writing projects over the course of the year! Students will write their own narratives, informational reports, and opinion pieces this year.

-Writing skills and strategies will be modeled during mini lessons. Students will be guided through all expectations and structures and will work on these skills as they write independently.

-My goal is for the students to begin enjoying the writing and creative processes, producing their own pieces, and sharing them with others!





# SPELLING

- Students will receive a Spelling list each week. They will have one glued into their notebooks and a take-home sheet with our spelling words and reading vocabulary words will be sent home at the beginning of each week.
- Each unit contains 20 words based on the skill of the week, 4 review words from past units, and 4 challenge words. Students are graded on the unit and review words. The challenge words are bonus words and can only help the students add to their grade.
- Spelling tests will be every Friday, unless otherwise noted.

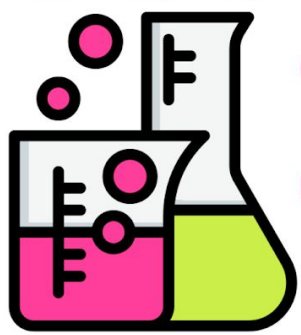




# MATH

The 4th grade math program is based on the HMH Go Math series. This series focuses on the Common Core State Standards. Simple Solutions, I Ready, IXL, and Reflex are also some components of the curriculum. Memorization of basic facts of all four operations is vital to the math success of all fourth graders.





# SCIENCE

Our Science program from McGraw Hill is used from 4th-8th eighth grade. This series is built to the Next Generation of Science Standards with a focus on science and literacy integration, real-world problem solving and STEM careers. The students will be prepared to think critically and design solutions to the problems in their world. Our science class is based on engagement, exploration, explanation, elaboration and evaluation. There will be inquiry activities to accompany their science lessons.





# SOCIAL STUDIES

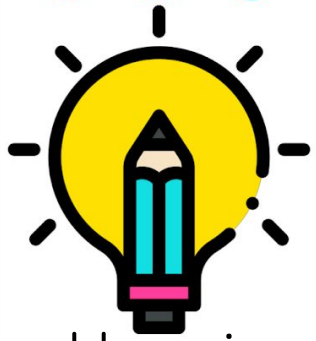
-Here is a list of some of the topics that we will be studying this year:

-The geography of the world, map skills, the geography of the United States, a study of the regions of the United States, the states & capitals, and the history of our country and our state,

-Students will also complete a state project.

-Students will work on: tests, quizzes, projects, homework and classwork this year in Social Studies class.





# GRAMMAR

- Here is a list of some of the topics that we will be focusing on this year:
  - Sentences: (including sentence structure, kinds of sentences, & subjects & predicates),
  - Parts of Speech: nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, prepositions, pronouns.
  - We will be utilizing our Sadlier Grammar Workshop textbook this year.
  - Students will work on: tests, quizzes, homework & classwork this year in Grammar class.







# RELIGION

-The Religion series provides a combination of engaging Bible stories, profiles of saints, morality lessons, and prayer to foster the spiritual development of every child.

-We will be utilizing our Blest Are We: Faith in Action religion textbook this year. We will also have time for reflection as well as focusing on journal questions this year..

-Students will work on: tests, quizzes (which will include some take-home quizzes), projects, homework and classwork this year in Religion class.





# HANDWRITING

-We will continue to practice our handwriting skills this year using our 4th grade handwriting book. Students will work on handwriting in the afternoons during homeroom time.

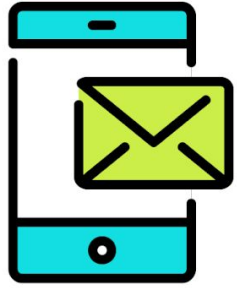




# TECHNOLOGY

- 4th graders have been issued Chromebooks that they are responsible for. \*Everyone will need to follow the school's technology use agreement that students and parents have signed.
- Students will not bring their Chromebooks home each night. They will bring them home when they need to be charged or when they need the device to complete an assignment. .
- All teachers have set-up Google Classrooms for their subjects, which students have joined.
- We will utilize these Google Classrooms throughout the year.





# CONTACT Me!

- Whenever you have any questions, feel free to contact me by email: [lkovatch@sjfschool.us](mailto:lkovatch@sjfschool.us)
- You can also message the teachers through the ClassTag app and we will receive notification of your message.
- Make sure to connect with us through our 4th Grade Instagram account: [funin4thsjf](#)





Do you have any  
**QUESTIONS?**

