

Dear Parents and Students,

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you to the fourth grade! As we prepare to embark on the endless path of learning, I am anxious to join my students in the discovery of new ideas, thoughts, and self awareness. My goal is to share this responsibility with my parents, so that my students are lead passionately down the path of learning both at school and at home. With the ever-present help of our Lord Jesus Christ, we will make this experience one of the most memorable years ever for all of us.

Fourth grade is a year of transition and great expectation. Students begin to exhibit a consciousness of self motivation and responsibility for their own learning. In turn, this begins to create a student's individual awareness of the responsibility of becoming a life-long learner. Throughout this year students will be challenged and encouraged to grow socially, academically, emotionally, and morally.

As your fourth grade teacher, I look forward to those moments of brilliance when a student discovers a new concept or revels in the completion of a difficult academic task. Together doors will open to the integrity of knowledge and the self gratification of hard work. As a class we will grow in respect for one another and work towards a common goal of academic achievement in Math, Reading, Writing, Science, Social Studies, Religion, and Language Arts.

During the first week of school, classroom policies and procedures will be discussed with students and a copy will be sent home in their binders for parents to read, review, and initial. Any questions, concerns, or comments may be written in the student's planner and addressed by me as soon as possible. Homework will be assigned daily and returned completed the following day. Students will write their homework assignments in their daily planner which will then be checked and initialed by myself before student dismissal.

2011-2012 will be a fantastic year with many exciting moments and memories to be made in Room 4B. I look forward to working with each family and appreciate the wonderful community we have here at St. Charles. May we thank the Lord for all the blessings he has and will bestow upon us this upcoming school year.

God Bless,
Mrs. J. Saenz

"Education's purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one".

Malcolm Forbes