

### La Salle Academy 2025-2026 School Year

Dear 4th Grade students and families,

I'm Mrs. Scott and I'm so excited to be your teacher this year. I'd like to welcome you to our classroom.

On the following pages you will find our classroom procedures. Please read them together so you'll know what to expect in 4th grade. After you and your child have read the procedures, please sign below and return this page only. Your signature indicates that you have read and understand the requirements for your child's class.

Some additional items to note:

- ♦ There will be no daily snack in the classroom.
- Students will need an Ear headset. (no earbuds)
- ◆ Activity Fee \$25.00

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Sincerely,

Mrs. Barbara Scott

Signature of Student\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Parent/Guardian\_\_\_\_\_\_





Mrs. Scott's Fourth Grade Classroom Procedures

#### **WELCOME TO FOURTH GRADE:**

I would like to extend an official welcome to each family represented in our class. I am very excited to have the opportunity to influence your child this year. To make the year a successful one, I hope that each of us (parent/guardian, student, and teacher) can work together as a team. The following information will help answer some of the questions you may have at this time.

#### **HOMEWORK POLICY:**

Homework will be assigned Monday through Thursday and occasionally on weekends to reinforce or supplement classwork. All assignments will be written daily on the board or Smart Board for students to copy into their homework tablet. It is each student's responsibility to write down the assignments, pack the necessary materials, complete the homework thoughtfully, and return it to school the following day. Homework may be collected and graded at any time without prior notice, so students are expected to put effort and care into all assignments. Students are expected to complete all assignments nightly, with the exception of illness.

Homework will be posted daily in FACTS. To access homework:

- 1. Log into your lsaelementary.org FACTS account.
- 2. On the left hand side, click on Calendar.
- 3. Click on "My Classrooms" on top of the page (between School and My Homework).
- 4. Click on the date you need to see homework.

Each student will begin every quarter with a homework grade of 100%. Homework not completed will result in 5 points deducted from this grade. Parents/guardians will be notified of any missed homework assignments to ensure open communication and support. The final homework grade will be averaged into the student's overall quarterly grade, reflecting the importance of completing assignments regularly and responsibly.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE ASKED TO PLEASE CHECK AND SIGN THE HOMEWORK TABLET NIGHTLY.

Cursive handwriting is expected at all times unless otherwise instructed.

**TESTING PROCEDURE:** Advance notice will be given for tests. Reviews will be done in school prior to test day, but individual study time at home is also necessary. Students should study notes, review sheets, worksheets, and textbooks. An absent child is expected to take the missed test upon returning to school unless other arrangements have been made.

**QUIZZES**: Quizzes may be announced or unannounced. Students may be given a quiz after small sections of material have been completed. For example, in Math, a quiz may be given after 3 or 4 lessons have been taught to check for student understanding.

GRADING: Tests, quizzes, classwork, and homework assignments will determine grades. Grades will be weighed as follows:

Tests – 40% Quizzes – 30% Homework – 20% Classwork – 10%



All work graded will be sent home on Monday for parent/guardian review and signature. Signing a test does not necessarily indicate approval of your child's grade, but serves as an acknowledgement of your child's progress. I ask that you sign and return them the next school day.

**INTERIM PROGRESS REPORTS:** Parents/guardians will be informed of poor test scores, incomplete homework assignments, or behavioral difficulties causing problems in the classroom through the interim reports. Progress reports will be emailed mid-quarter to inform you of any particular problems or concerns. If at any time you have a concern, feel free to contact me at the school (570-489-2010) or email <a href="mailto:bscott@lsaelementary.org">bscott@lsaelementary.org</a>.

**TRANSPORTATION CHANGES:** All changes in your child's regular mode of transportation must be communicated in writing or by calling the school office. For your child's safety, I cannot accept verbal messages from students as authorization to make transportation changes..

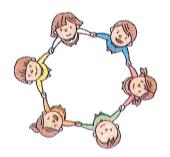
\*\*\*\*If a change in transportation is necessary during the school day, please call the school office directly at 570-489-2010. Emailing me during the school day does not guarantee that your child will receive the message in time. Calling the office is the most reliable way to ensure your child is informed of any transportation change. Thank you for your cooperation.\*\*\*\*

**ABSENCES:** If a child is absent, please call the office and report the absence. Please inform the office if you will be picking up your child's work or if you would like it sent home with a sibling. Work will be available after 2:30.

In addition, whenever a student is absent due to illness, he/she is required to make up all classroom and homework assignments. Depending on the time missed, students will have that many days to make up the work. Example: If a student is absent for two days, the work missed will be expected to be completed within two days. No work will be given ahead of time for students going on vacation.

#### **SPECIAL CLASSES:**

Monday – Art – Mrs. Malos Tuesday – Gym – Mrs. Lamparter Wednesday – Music – Mrs. Malos Thursday – Study Skills – Mrs. Lamparter Friday – Technology – Mrs. Lamparter



#### **BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS:**

Birthdays will be celebrated in the classroom. Students are welcome to bring in a special treat to share with their classmates in honor of their birthday. Please adhere to the **Peanut Free** policy when providing this and all treats. Please refer to the enclosed birthday celebration schedule.

School changes quite dramatically for students in the Fourth Grade. No longer will they concentrate on learning basic reading and math skills, but will apply these skills in content subject areas. In mathematics, students will consolidate their skills before beginning to learn concepts that are more complex. Students will be encouraged to think, analyze, and learn in a more sophisticated and structured way.

Due to the Fourth Grade Math Curriculum, students are expected to know the multiplication tables. If you find that your child does not have the multiplication tables memorized it is **highly recommended** that they be reviewed nightly.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation concerning these important procedures. If any concerns arise during the school year, please feel free to contact me at the school (570-489-2010) or email <a href="mailto:bscott@lsaelementary.org">bscott@lsaelementary.org</a> so we can address the concerns together. I look forward to working with you and your child to make 4<sup>th</sup> Grade a wonderful learning experience.

Sincerely, Mrs. Scott 2025-2026



# Grade 4 ELA (Reading, English, Spelling) Taught by Mrs. Ayres

Welcome Back! This year Mrs. Ayres will be teaching ELA to 4th and 5th grades.

For 4<sup>th</sup> grade ELA, your child is required to have 2 marble tablets: 1 for both Reading and Spelling, and 1 tablet for English. Your child is also required to have 1 test folder. This test folder will be sent home weekly so all graded paperwork can be signed and returned. This ELA test folder will be kept with Mrs. Ayres.

Students will be evaluated through a variety of assessment tools. Tests, quizzes, homework, and classwork assignments will determine a student's grades. Both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades will follow the same grading criteria.

Homework will be given nightly and occasionally on weekends to reinforce or supplement classwork. Any missed assignments will result in a five point deduction. You can check your child's Homework Tablet for their daily assignments. Also, all homework assignments will be posted on FACTS. To access homework:

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If at any time you need to contact me, please contact the school at (570) 489-2010, or you may e-mail me at <a href="mailto:aayres@lsaelementary.org">aayres@lsaelementary.org</a>. I look forward to working with you and your child/children as we journey through this new year together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Ayres

## Study Skills

Grade 4



Study Skills provides our students in 4th through 8th grade with the opportunity to learn study skills, test-taking strategies, research techniques, and writing skills. The text for this course is called *Simple Solutions - Study Skills*. Students in these grades will have an assignment to complete for each class. These assignments MUST be completed to obtain a passing grade for the quarter.

To be prepared for class, students must bring their Simple Solutions - Study Skills text, a silent reading book, and pencil case each week. ANY WORK NOT COMPLETED DURING CLASS WILL BE ASSIGNED AS HOMEWORK, DUE FOR THE NEXT CLASS.

Grading for this course will be PASS (S) or FAIL (I or U).

I am looking forward to a great year, full of study skills, reading strategies, and test taking skills to discover!

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