

**Saint Pius X School
32 Elm Street
Westerly, Rhode Island**

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to a new school year! I want to extend to you and your child my warmest welcome in the fourth grade classroom. My name is Mrs. Catherine Kimmel and I will be your child's teacher this year. I have many years of experience working with children of all ages. My philosophy for learning is that each child is unique and each learns in a different way. One of my jobs as a teacher is to help your child discover his or her individuality and work alongside with each child to maximize it. I believe in hands-on experiences and learning creatively. As an educator, I value my job and the opportunity that I will have to teach your child the requirements he/she will need to complete by the end of this school year, successfully. Your child's success in my classroom is my number one priority.

Fourth grade is a challenging year that asks students to not only increase his/her skills and knowledge, but to also independently demonstrate skills that he/she has acquired.

We will be very busy with lots of activities, collaborative projects, creative writing projects, Religion, Math, Science, and Social Studies. Mastery of basic multiplication and division facts is essential. Daily reading at home will be expected, as will monthly book projects. We will continue to work on cursive writing skills and have it mastered by the second trimester. Please be assured that each child will be working at his/her level.

I thank you for giving me the opportunity to make a difference in your child's life. I look forward to interacting and working with you and your child this upcoming school year. Please know that I am here for you with any concerns that you may have. Please feel free to call me at school or e-mail me at your leisure. May God bless you and your family.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Catherine Kimmel

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2010 – 2011

Grade 4 – Summer Reading List

***Frindle – Andrew Clements**

Suggested Authors

Roald Dahl
Judy Blume
Matt Christopher
Beverly Cleary
Patricia Mac Lachlan

Suggested Series

Animal Ark – Ben Baglio
Animorphs – K.A. Applegate
The Box Car Children – Gertrude Warner
Little House – Laura Ingalls Wilder
My America – Various Authors
Nancy Drew – Carolyn Keene
Hardy Boys – Franklin W. Dixon
Magic Tree House – Mary Pope Osborne
The Spiderwick Chronicles – Tony De Terlizzi

Suggested Books

Lily's Crossing – Patricia Reilly Giff
Shiloh – Phyllis Reynolds Naylor
Because of Winn Dixie – Kate De Camillo
Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing – Judy Blume
My Abuelita – Tony Johnston
Thunder-Boomer! – Shutta Crum

***Denotes – required reading**

After reading the book, students should draw a picture of their favorite scene from the story and write three or more sentences explaining the scene. Please use white drawing paper or white computer paper for this project. Make sure you color your picture using crayons or colored pencils. When done with the scene, write your sentences on the back side of the paper. This is to be turned in during the first week of school.

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Grade 4 – School Supplies List (please provide the following)

Classroom work supplies:

- 3 packages of notebook filler paper – wide ruled – to be replenished throughout the year.
- 5 composition notebooks – wide ruled – (not spiral bound)
- 1 one-subject wide-ruled spiral bound notebooks
- 2 durable pocket folders
- 2 packages of 3X5 index cards
- 1 – 2” 3 rind binder (for Reading)
- 1 – ½ “ 3 ring binder (for German)

Classroom desk supplies:

- 1 – 12” ruler with standard and metric measurement units
- 1 durable pencil case to include the following items:
 - #2 pencils (to be replenished throughout the year)
 - 1 pair of scissors – student pointed tip
 - 1 glue stick (to be replenished throughout the year)
 - 2 medium ballpoint (not felt, no gel, or no roller) blue or black pens
 - 1 highlighter
 - Eraser

Classroom project supplies:

- 1 plastic art box (8 ½ X 2 ½) to include following items:
 - 1 box of 24 crayons
 - 1 set of markers (5-10)
 - 1 set of 8 colored pencils

Others supplies needed:

- 2 rolls of paper towels
- 2 boxes of tissues
- Book covers
 - Paper or cloth covers are acceptable for hard cover books.
 - Contact paper may be used for the soft cover, consumable books only.

Your student will also need notebook filler paper, pencils, pens, and ruler for home to complete assignments.

Assignments notebooks will be distributed to each student at the start of the new school year. Please do not purchase one.

*****A STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PLANNER MUST BE PURCHASED FROM THE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER AT A COST OF \$5.00 PER STUDENT*****