

4th Grade

Class Handbook

Southview Elementary

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Kearney R-1 School District

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We are delighted to have your child in fourth grade this year. This handbook is designed to provide you with some information regarding our classroom procedures.



School Absences

Consistent school attendance is very important for the optimal educational growth of your child. If your child must be absent from school, please inform the office: svoffice@ksdr1.net. It is most beneficial that if your child misses school he/she gets the work that he/she misses each day. You may pick up your child's work at the end of the day by letting the office know when you call in the absence so we can have the work ready. If you know your child is going to be absent from school in advance, please let your homeroom teacher know.



Communication

We strongly encourage an open door policy when it comes to staying informed about your child. The school office email svoffice@ksdr1.net and the office phone number is 816-628-4652. Please send any transportation changes to the office email and copy the homeroom teacher. Our e-mail addresses are leighrg@ksdr1.net; lyngara@ksdr1.net; and rainesm@ksdr1.net. Email is probably the quickest and easiest way to get in touch with us. Feel free to call us before or after school or during our planning time (10:25-11:15) to discuss any aspect of your child's educational experience. Your input is always appreciated.

Water Bottles and Snacks



Students need to bring a water bottle to school and should only have water in their bottles. It must have a lid and preferably a "pop-top" to avoid spills. We have bottle filling stations at school for students to use. Students may bring in a personal healthy snack daily. Snacks must be packaged and include an ingredient label.



4th Grade Binder

Each child will have a binder that will include folders and fourth grade information. Please review any paperwork in the front and back pockets that needs to be completed, read, or returned.



Specials/Lunch

Our specials will be on a rotation and will be 10:25-11:15 a.m. daily. Students will rotate between library, art, music, and P.E. (LAMP). Please help your child have the materials they need for the daily special- tennis shoes, etc. Our lunchtime is 12:50-1:10. A parent/guardian must alert the office when any visitor is coming to be with your child such as for lunch.

Our specials are as follows:

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4
Leighr	Music	P.E.	Library	Art
Lyngar	P.E.	Library	Art	Music
Raines	Library	Art	Music	P.E.

Homework



It is our goal for students to spend about 40 minutes or less a night on homework. Included in this time should be nightly reading. Students are encouraged to work on the Math ALEKS program if they have computer access at home. Typically the only other homework students will have will be a nightly math page that was not completed in class, and a reading passage given on Monday and due on Friday. Students who do not use their class time effectively will have more homework.

Grading



Parents and students can check their attendance, and lunch balance through Powerschool. If you need a login and password please contact our office at 816-628-4652.

Discipline



Our goal is to have each student feel safe at school so that they can learn as much as possible. Our classroom expectations are: be safe, be respectful, and be responsible. We believe students have a choice in their actions. Positive actions are expected from all students and will result in positive outcomes.

Incentives



Each month students will be expected to fulfill all classroom expectations. Students will qualify for the incentive based on behavior and performance in the classroom. Your child will be informed of their qualification. If your child does not qualify for the incentive they should be able to explain to you why.

Handbook Verification

In an effort to ensure that all parents/guardians have received and read through the Class Handbook, we ask that you complete the bottom of this form and return it to your homeroom teacher.

Thank you,

Fourth grade teachers



Handbook Verification



I am _____'s parent/guardian and we have read through the Class Handbook.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Student Signature

Please provide any comments or concerns below.

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Students in our class will be doing projects in our class (PBL-Project Based Learning). I have lots of supplies here for them to use, but they may ask to gather items from home and bring them as well. Please know, none of their projects will ever require you to purchase anything. You are always welcome to do so, but it will never be a necessity.

Please be aware that we do use cutting tools (scissors/cardboard scissors) and hot glue guns as well. Students will be supervised, but are encouraged to do their own hands on work for most things. **If you feel comfortable with your child using the hot glue gun and/or cardboard scissors themselves, please sign and return this form.**

I give my child, _____, permission to use:

Hot glue gun	yes	no
Cardboard scissors	yes	no

on their projects during PBL class.

Parent Signature

Date

If my parents/guardians approve, I will be responsible while using the hot glue gun and cardboard scissors at all times.

Student Signature

Date

Thank you,
Michelle Raines
PBL 4th Grade Teacher