

4A & 4B

# Back to School Night

Fall 2025



ST. CHARLES  
BORROMEO  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

# Mrs. Lim - 4B

- 11th year at St. Charles
- 18th year teaching
- BA in Elementary Ed from St. Martin's University; M.Ed in Special Education from UW-Tacoma



# Mrs. Olive - 4A

- 1st year at St. Charles!
- 4 years teaching 3rd grade in Bethel School District
- BS in Child Development from Florida State University & MAT Elementary Education from WGU



# Fabulous Fourth Grade!

- Two teachers! Students will move to 4A for math & science with Mrs. Olive and to 4B for ELA & Washington State History with Mrs. Lim!
- Field Trips: Tacoma Youth Symphony in February, Chambers Bay/Immaculate Conception with Father Michael in May
- Service Projects: Coin Drive for Guadalupe House in January, Oodles of Noodles food drive, St. Leo's Food Connection with parents sign up in winter

# Academics

- Planners are filled out together every day with daily homework, long term assignments, important information/events  
Parents are required to sign the planner every night until students consistently turn in homework every day. We aim for January but hope to achieve this sooner!  
Missing homework/planner signature = time on the “waiver”  
Points for each assignment, grades input into Renweb (it’s Mrs. Lim’s goal to update her gradebooks weekly!)  
Your child’s Clever page will give you access to Google Classroom, Accelerated Reader, Amplify, HMH Go Math, Prodigy, IXL, ... all technology used in school

# Classroom Etiquette and Expectations

- Being prepared with materials
- On task
- Raising hand to speak
- Speaker has the floor i.e no side conversations
- Be Christ
- Do unto others as you would have done unto you - Matthew 7:12
- Love your neighbor as yourself - Matthew 22:39

# Academics: ELA

- CKLA/Amplify Reading Curriculum
  - Personal Narratives, Empires of the Middle Ages, Poetry, Geology, American Revolution, Treasure Island
- Sadlier Grammar Workshop
- M - Grammar (assigned M, due F); T/W - CKLA Reading Skills; Th/F - Writing
- Homework is mostly long-term projects or assignments not finished in class
- Kahoot & Blooket reviews

# Academics: ELA

- Monthly Book Reports based on a specific genre; must be at 4th grade level or above and a chapter book (shorter books should have higher reading level)
- One Accelerated Reader test per month at the 4th grade level or above; passing is 80%
- Cougar Club - 200 pages each month at any level, genre, or category (fiction, graphic novel, picture book, etc)



# Academics: Math

- Go Math!
- Areas of Study: **Place Value, Addition & Subtraction, Multiplication & Division, Perimeter & Area, Fractions, Number Patterns**
- IXL & Prodigy (special occasions)
- Waggle! - new online program with Go Math! Aligns with MAP score
- Mastertrack- provides student data based upon given daily targeted Math Checkpoints

# Academics: Math

- Math Homework:
  - Given daily with the exception of assessment days or Fridays
  - Always due the next day
  - Problems will be selected and circled on page as “Must Do’s”. Students may always complete additional!

# Academics: Science

- Nancy Larson
- Areas of Study: **Characteristics of Cells, Classification of Plants, Characteristics of Animals, Examining Ecosystems**
- Lessons and assignments completed in class
- Egg Drop in June!

# Academics: Washington State History

- Washington Our Home
- Regions & Landforms; Native Americans; Explorers & Trade; Early Settlers; Government
- Lessons and assignments mostly completed in class
- Field Trip with Father Michael in Spring: walk around Chambers Bay and Mass at Immaculate Conception in Steilacoom - the first Catholic church in Washington!

# Academics: Religion

- Monthly Prayer testing - 2 new prayers: Prayer for Peace & Memorare
- Monthly focus on a given Virtue & Saint
- Religion curriculum focus: **Covenant**
- Of the five chapters in each unit- four focus on the four pillars of the Catechism (**Believe, Celebrate, Live, Pray**)
- The Bible is the core text of the curriculum

# Testing

- MAP testing administered three times a year: Fall, Winter, & Spring
- Grade Level Prayers are listed in Google Classroom - Fourth Grade and Religion
- Accelerated Reader tests: one passed every month at 80%; books must be fourth grade level or above; can be chapter books or picture books

# Conferences

- Student-led conferences in fourth grade! The student, parents, & teacher will meet together for a 15 minute conference.
- No School for students on October 23 & 24 for conferences. A Sign Up Genius will be sent out to choose your conference time.


# Communication

- Newsletters go home weekly and are posted to Fourth Grade Google Classroom
- Email is best! We do our best to respond within 24 hours, or by the end of Monday if emailed over the weekend
- Student-led conferences in October
- After school conferences as needed - dependent on schedules
- Spring conferences as needed



# Your Fourth Grader

- Changing hormones mean BIG, BIG feelings that happen fast.
- Fourth graders aren't sure how to handle all of it and look to us to provide support, patience, and firm expectations & guidance.
- Right now their problems are big for them, small for us, but with consistency they will learn how to effectively handle the bigger stuff when it hits them.
- Listen to your child process their day, guide them through problem solving strategies and different perspectives.



**Thank you!**  
**It's going to**  
**be a great**  
**year!**

# Sticker Bank

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