

# PLEASE KEEP THIS LETTER FOR FUTURE REFERENCE!

September 2, 2009

Dear Parents,

Greetings from the fourth grade teachers! We are excited about working with you and your child/children this year. To help us get to know your child, please complete the enclosed form and return it to school at Open House.

Our classroom web pages are good sources of communication. Go to [http://www.saintwenceslaus.org/school\\_index.html](http://www.saintwenceslaus.org/school_index.html). From there, click on the Classroom Pages link and find the page.

Homework should be expected. To help the students develop good study habits, we ordered assignment notebooks for each student. Every night, the notebook should be checked and signed by a parent or caregiver. If it seems that your child is spending too much time doing homework, please contact us.

Please encourage your child to read at least 5 nights per week for at least 30 minutes from a book of their choice. Reading for an hour is great, but doesn't "count" for two nights. We are trying to encourage reading as a daily habit. A weekly check off record is provided in the plastic, silver take home folder. We plan to visit the public library every 3 weeks. Students may also select books from the school and classroom libraries.

Venture magazines enhance our religion curriculum, and help prepare the students for the weekend liturgy. Bibles have been purchased for fourth graders. For teaching purposes, it is important that all of the students own identical versions purchased through the school. The hardcover books will be used through eighth grade.

Please plan to spend time reviewing math facts throughout the year.

No homework is assigned on Fridays. Weekends are set aside for family activities. Reading is always encouraged!

We have planned two field trips. Our science field trip on October 29th, will be a visit to the Bell Museum of Natural History at the U. of M. Our social studies field trip to the Mill City Museum is scheduled for April 20th.

Please bring 6 pieces of corrugated cardboard (6X8 inches) for a science project by September 25th.

We are looking forward to a wonderful year. Please contact us if you have questions. Thank you for your help and support. We welcome parent volunteers !

Sincerely,  
Ann Kreger  
Kathy McNamara