

Summer 2011



**Dear Fourth Grader,**

Welcome to the fourth grade. I am excited that you are in my class. Together we'll learn about God and His world, as well as about ourselves and each other. God put us together as a community of God's people, and I'm excited about working with you. Fourth grade is a fantastic year of growth and learning because you are changing from a "little kid" into a "big kid" with more responsibilities and new opportunities for active learning and service. You will become a "self-manager" as you learn to manage your time, be responsible for your learning targets, and complete expectations without reminders. These important lessons will help you be successful in everything you do.

Along with being a "self-manager", another theme for our classroom this year will be community. A community is a group of people who share a common belief, goal, and/or location. We are a community of learners and believers here at Mack! My hope is that our classroom will be a place where we can learn and grow together intellectually, spiritually, and relationally. This will be rooted in showing each other respect and working cooperatively. God has uniquely made and designed each one of us, and we all bring different personalities, gifts, and abilities to our classroom.

Please bring the items on the class supply list to school with you in August. Many of these items (with the exception of your notebooks, folders, and pencils boxes, etc.) will be used by our whole class. I will be storing them throughout the year. Because of this, please leave any personal or special items that you do not want to share with the class at home. Our classroom will be open for you to visit and drop off your supplies from 1:00-2:00 pm on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup>. The first day of school is Monday, August 29, 2011. Class begins promptly at 8:30, so please plan to arrive by 8:25.

You are a special person and an important part of our classroom community. I'm praying that God will enable all of us to truly love and care for one another this year as we enjoy learning and growing together. I'm looking forward to getting to know you. Until then, have a wonderful summer, and don't forget to enjoy a good book along with your other summer activities. If you have questions, you can e-mail me at [cmurphy@bellevuechristian.org](mailto:cmurphy@bellevuechristian.org). I love hearing from students.

Please encourage your parents to attend Back to School Night on Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:00 PM to learn more about our classroom, curriculum, homework, and behavior expectations. I look forward to getting to know you and sharing this year together! Enjoy your summer and your time with your family.






**Your future teacher,**  
*Mrs. Murphy*

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# Grade 4 Supplies – Mrs. Murphy’s Class

*Most of these items will be for our classroom community. Please refrain from bringing any personal or special items to class. Those are great to use at home!*

<p><b>Activity Fee</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$20 Activity Fee (check payable to BCS)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Bible</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NIV Bible with Old and New Testament. Bring the one you were given in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. New students will receive one at chapel.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Notebooks/Paper</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2 one-subject metal spiral notebooks, wide-rule in different colors.</li> <li>• 2 packages of wide-rule loose leaf notebook paper – (One to share with the class and a second package of paper to keep at home for homework.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Pencil Box Supplies</b></p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 hard cover pencil box (about 9” by 6” – not too big)</li> <li>• 1 dozen sharpened #2 pencils to share throughout the year</li> <li>• Erasers – one or two white erasers</li> <li>• 2 green ballpoint pens for correcting math</li> <li>• 1 Black Sharpie fine point pen</li> <li>• 1 large glue stick (not liquid, please)</li> <li>• 1 package Expo Dry Erase Large Markers (<b>low odor only</b>, please)</li> <li>• Small manual pencil sharpener to keep in your pencil box</li> <li>• New students - Sketchbook 8 ½” X 11” spiral bound for art</li> </ul>
<p><b>Classroom Supplies to Share</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Box of tissues</li> <li>• Paper plates, napkins, plastic forks, and spoons to share at lunch time</li> </ul>
<p><b>Optional Supplies</b></p> <p>Bring these only if you already have them. We don’t need them to do school well! 😊</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 clipboard (standard size)</li> <li>• Scissors (adult size works best)</li> <li>• Colored pencils and markers to share with the class</li> <li>• Ear buds to plug into the computers</li> <li>• 4 Gig flash drive for saving computer files</li> </ul>