

RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility is the focus of the fourth grade school year. The goal of the year is to teach your child responsibility for themselves, as well as their belongings and work. Middle school is quickly approaching and the children are going to have to be independent. Homework policies are stricter in the fourth grade because of the need to stay on task and take care of what needs to be done for homework each time it is assigned. As hard as it may be sometimes, please follow through with holding your student accountable for their actions, this will help them in understanding responsibility.

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

The students of St. Brendan School are...

1) Active Christians who:

- a) Study and understand the basic foundations and teachings of the Church
- b) Participate actively in Masses and liturgical celebrations
- c) Develop a personal and spiritual relationship with God using formalized and spontaneous prayer
- d) Make moral decisions which reflect Gospel teachings and values
- e) Show respect, tolerance, and compassion for others through words and actions

2) Life-Long Learners who:

- a) Demonstrate a thorough understanding of the basic concepts in all subject areas
- b) Are active participants in their own learning including bringing life experiences to the classroom
- c) Use age-appropriate study skills and habits
- d) Investigate and make informed decisions, including those affecting physical and mental well-being
- e) Are well-rounded individuals who participate in extra curricular activities
- f) Transfer and apply academic information between subject areas and to real life experiences
- g) Seek out independent learning opportunities
- h) Think independently and are confident in their individuality and their ideas
- i) Respect themselves



3) Problem Solvers who:

- a) Evaluate their own work, recognize weaknesses, and set personal goals for progress
- b) Use effective time management skills
- c) Work independently and collaboratively to create solutions and to complete projects
- d) Resolve conflicts peacefully, respectfully, and in a timely manner
- e) Are inquisitive critical thinkers who analyze and evaluate information
- f) Cope with life's challenges using a variety of effective strategies

4) Effective Communicators who:

- a) Express ideas clearly and effectively in oral and written form
- b) Listen attentively, openly, and respectfully to the ideas of others
- c) Utilize technology for research, communication, and creative expression
- d) Demonstrate manners, social grace, and poise in all situations
- e) Have the confidence to speak before a group of people

5) Responsible Citizens who:

- a) Are aware of their rights and corresponding responsibilities, and are accountable for their actions
- b) Support and encourage their fellow students
- c) Respect and seek to understand the beliefs and traditions of other cultural and ethnic groups
- d) Exhibit concern for community, environment, and global issues
- e) Volunteer time and effort for school, parish, and community projects