

MEMORY VERSE GUIDELINES:

Grades 1 & 2

Weekly Verses

Format of Recitation: Theme, Verse, Reference

All students will be given a start. A “start” is defined as a two word “start” of the verse. A prompt is defined as any word given to student after the “start.”

Students must recite the entire theme, verse and reference to receive a grade of O. Students who recite the bracketed verse only, will receive a grade no higher than S+. Students may not be checked in pairs or groups but only one at a time.

Grading scale:

O+=A start will be given with theme, verse and reference recited by student.

O=A start with one prompt.

O-=A start with two prompts.

S+=A start with 3 prompts

S=A start with 4 prompts.

S-=A start with 5 prompts.

N=Does not know verse at all.

Grade 3

Weekly Verses

Format of Recitation: Theme, Verse , Reference

All students can be given a start. A “start” is defined as a two-three word “start” of the verse.

Students must recite the entire theme, verse and reference. The theme, each word, and reference are all worth 1 point.

Example: **Kindness**

“Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

This verse worth 19 points. If the student missed the words and numbers in yellow, their grade would be -1/19 or 95% A

All of us have used this format for several years. We feel like in third grade where letter grades are given in all subjects but handwriting, it makes grading verses easier and less subjective.

Elementary teachers have the freedom to add or subtract from these verses depending on the week’s schedule and their students’ abilities. A bracket [] will be on the memory verse card of long verses. The words between the brackets will be all that is required for students through the 2nd grade.

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