

**Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School**  
**Yearly Course Outline**  
**Reading**  
**Fourth Grade**  
**2026–2027**

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**Course Description**

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade reading curriculum reinforces basic reading skills with a focus on understanding, interpretation, critical analysis, application, and strategies. The students will learn new skills by direct and guided instruction using stories in the text, online resources, and novels. The goal is to teach all students to become skillful, independent readers and be able to apply new and basic reading skills to any type of reading material.

The Accelerated Reader program will be used to promote reading for personal pleasure. Each quarter students will be required to earn a specific number of points. Points will be earned by reading AR books selected by the students that fall within the students' reading level.

**Instructional Materials**

**Textbook:** *Reading Wonders* Grade 4 McGraw Hill

**Novels:** *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate  
*The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis

**Methods of Assessment and Distribution**

All test, quiz, and homework grades will be posted on PowerSchool ([www.ollpowerschool.org](http://www.ollpowerschool.org)). Please check for postings frequently. Each quarter, four tests and four quiz assessments will be administered.

**Assessment Weighting**

60% Tests  
30% Quizzes  
10% Homework

**Grading Scale**

A: 100-94  
B: 93-86  
C: 85-78  
D: 77-70  
U: 69 and below

## Tentative Course Calendar

**\*\* Dates and course content are subject to change at discretion of teacher or administration. \*\***

Aug 6 – First day of school 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup>

| Week                                                                                           | Standards                                 | Objectives<br>(The learner will . . .)                                   | Instructional<br>Materials        | Assessments |
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| <b>1st Quarter</b>                                                                             |                                           |                                                                          |                                   |             |
| <b>Week 1</b><br><b>Aug. 10-14</b><br>8/14 Summer<br>Reading Due                               | RI. 2, RI. 4, RI. 7                       | <b>“A World of Change”</b><br>Vocabulary only                            | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 1      |
| <b>Week 2</b><br><b>Aug. 17-21</b><br>8/18 PTCC Mtg<br>6pm                                     | RI.4.1, RI.4.4, RI.4.5,<br>RI.4.7, L.4.4a | <b>“A World of Change”</b><br>Multiple Meaning Words<br>Compare/Contrast | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 1      |
| <b>Week 3</b><br><b>Aug. 24-28</b>                                                             | RL.4.1, RL.4.3, L.4.3c,<br>L.4.4          | <b>“Princess &amp; the Pizza”</b><br>Problem & Solution<br>Synonyms      | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 2      |
| <b>Week 4</b><br><b>Aug 31-<br/>Sept 4</b>                                                     | L.4.3c, L.4.5, L.4.6,<br>RL.4.10          | <b>“Talent Show”</b><br>Idioms<br>Problem/Solution<br>Fact/Opinion       | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook |             |
| <b>Week 5</b><br><b>Sept. 7-11</b><br>9/7 Labor Day<br>No School                               | L.4.6, RL.4.1, RL.4.3,<br>RL.4.10         | <b>“Experts Inc”</b><br>Idioms<br>Problem/Solution<br>Fact/Opinion       | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 2      |
| <b>Week 6</b><br><b>Sept. 14-18</b><br>Spirit Week<br>9/18 Pep Rally<br>and Fun Run<br>Kickoff | RL.4.1, RL.4.2                            | <b>“Cricket in Times Square”</b><br>Theme                                | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 3      |
| <b>Week 7</b><br><b>Sept. 21-25</b><br>9/25<br>Birthday<br>Brunch (July,<br>Aug, Sept)         | RI.4.2, RI.4.4, L.4.4                     | <b>“Dollars and Sense”</b><br>Author’s purpose<br>Vocabulary             | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 3      |
| <b>Week 8</b><br><b>Sept.28-<br/>Oct. 2</b><br>10/2 – Fun Run<br>10/2 - ½ day<br>dismissal     | RI.4.1, RI.4.4, RI.4.7)                   | <b>“Kids in Business”</b><br>Suffixes<br>Main Idea/Details               | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 4      |

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| <b>Week 9</b><br><b>Oct. 5-9</b><br>10/8 End of 1 <sup>st</sup><br>Qtr<br>10/9 No School<br><b>10/9-10/11</b><br><b>Festival of the Lake</b>                                  | <b>RL.4.1,</b><br><b>RL.4.2,RL.4.3,RL.4.9</b> | <b>“The Secret Message”</b><br><b>“Aesop’s” fables</b><br>Folktales<br>Fables                                           | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 4<br>AR Goal |
| <b>2nd Quarter</b>                                                                                                                                                            |                                               |                                                                                                                         |                                   |                   |
| <b>Week 10</b><br><b>Oct. 12-16</b><br>10/13 Living<br>Rosary<br>10/15 CFR<br>Reward Day<br>10/15 - ½ Day<br>10/15 - Parent<br>Teacher<br>Conferences<br>10/16 – No<br>School | <b>RI.4.2, RI.4.3,RI.4.7</b>                  | <b>“Animal Adaptations”</b>                                                                                             | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 1            |
| <b>Week 11</b><br><b>Oct. 19-23</b>                                                                                                                                           | <b>RI.4.2,RI.4.3,RI.4.7</b>                   | <b>“Spiders”</b>                                                                                                        | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 1            |
| <b>Week 12</b><br><b>Oct. 26-30</b><br>Red Ribbon<br>Week                                                                                                                     | <b>RI.4.2,RI.4.3,RI.4.7</b>                   | <b>“Paired Texts”</b>                                                                                                   | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook |                   |
| <b>Week 13</b><br><b>Nov. 2-6</b>                                                                                                                                             | <b>RL.4.1,RL.4.5,RL.4.9</b>                   | <b>“Ant and Grasshopper”</b>                                                                                            | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 2            |
| <b>Week 14</b><br><b>Nov. 9-13</b><br>11/11 Veterans<br>Day Prayer<br>Service                                                                                                 | <b>RL.4.1,RL.4.5,RL.4.9</b>                   | <b>“Ranita the Frog Princess”</b><br>Theme<br>Drama<br>Greek Roots                                                      | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 2            |
| <b>Week 15</b><br><b>Nov. 16-20</b><br>St. Nick’s<br>Workshop                                                                                                                 | <b>RL.4.2,RL.4.3,RL.4.5</b>                   | <b>“My Dog”</b><br><b>“The Rain”</b><br><b>“The Sea Turtle”</b> (handouts)<br>Theme<br>meter/rhyme<br>similes/metaphors | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 3            |
| <b>Thanksgiving Holidays</b><br><b>Nov. 23-27</b>                                                                                                                             |                                               |                                                                                                                         |                                   |                   |
| <b>Week 16</b><br><b>Nov 30-Dec</b><br><b>4</b><br>12/4<br>Birthday<br>Brunch<br>(Oct, Nov,<br>Dec)                                                                           | <b>RL.4.1,RL.4.3,RL.4.6</b>                   | <b>“Hurricane Katrina”</b><br>Context clues<br>Point of view                                                            | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 3            |
| <b>Week 17</b><br><b>Dec. 7-11</b>                                                                                                                                            | <b>RL.4.1,RL.4.3,RL.4.6</b>                   | <b>“Aguinaldo”</b><br>Point of View<br>Context clues                                                                    | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 4            |

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| <b>Week 18</b><br><b>Dec. 14-18</b><br>12/18 - ½ day<br>End of 2 <sup>nd</sup> Qtr                                  | RL.4.1,RL.4.2,RL.4.3             | “Junkyard Wonders”<br>theme                                | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 4<br>AR Goal   |
| <b>Christmas Holidays</b><br><b>Dec. 21 – Jan. 4</b>                                                                |                                  |                                                            |                                   |                     |
| <b>3rd Quarter</b>                                                                                                  |                                  |                                                            |                                   |                     |
| <b>Week 19</b><br><b>Jan. 4-8</b><br>¼ - No School                                                                  | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4                | <i>The One and Only Ivan</i><br>Pp. 1-80                   | Ivan Novel                        | Test 1              |
| <b>Week 20</b><br><b>Jan. 12-16</b>                                                                                 | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4                | <i>The One and Only Ivan</i><br>Pp. 81-160                 | Ivan Novel                        | Quiz 1              |
| <b>Week 21</b><br><b>Jan. 18-22</b><br>1/18 – MLK Day<br>No School<br>1/22<br>Birthday<br>Brunch (Jan,<br>Feb, Mar) | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4                | <i>The One and Only Ivan</i><br>Pp. 161-240                | Ivan Novel                        | Test 2              |
| <b>Week 22</b><br><b>Jan. 25-29</b><br>1/29 - Pep Rally<br>1/29 – Eve<br>Parade                                     | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4                | <i>The One and Only Ivan</i><br>Pp. 240-300                | Ivan Novel                        | Quiz 2<br>AR “Ivan” |
| <b>Week 23</b><br><b>Feb. 1-5</b><br>Catholic<br>Schools Week<br>2/5<br>Grandparents<br>Day<br>2/5 – ½ Day          | RI.4.1, RI.4.3, RI.4.6           | “A Telephone Mix Up”<br>Vocabulary<br>Historical Fiction   | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook |                     |
| <b>Mardi Gras Holiday</b><br><b>February 8-12</b>                                                                   |                                  |                                                            |                                   |                     |
| <b>Week 24</b><br><b>Feb. 15-19</b>                                                                                 | RI.4.1, RI.4.3, RI.4.6           | “Moon Over Star”<br>POV<br>Setting                         | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 3              |
| <b>Week 25</b><br><b>Feb. 22-26</b>                                                                                 | RL.4.1, RL.4.2, RL.4.3<br>RL.4.6 | “A World Without Rules”<br>Vocab<br>Cause and effect       | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Test 4              |
| <b>Week 26</b><br><b>March 1-5</b><br>Book Fair                                                                     | RL.4.1, RL.4.3 RL.4.10           | “Sadie’s Game”<br><br>Problem/Solution<br>Similes/Metaphor | Wonders<br>Textbook &<br>workbook | Quiz 3              |

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| <b>Week 27</b><br><b>March 8-12</b><br>3/12 – ½ Day<br>End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Qtr                 | RL.4.1, RL.4.3 RL.4.10 | <b>“Your World Up Close”</b><br>Text Structure | Wonders Textbook & workbook | Quiz 4<br>AR Goal |
| <b>4th Quarter</b>                                                                                |                        |                                                |                             |                   |
| <b>Week 28</b><br><b>March 15-19</b><br>3/18 - Passion Play                                       | RL.4.1,RL.4.3 RL.4.10  | <b>Energy Island</b>                           | Wonders Textbook & workbook | Test 1            |
| <b>Week 29</b><br><b>March 22-26</b><br>3/26 - Good Friday                                        | RL.4.1,RL.4.3 RL.4.10  | <b>Mama, I’ll Give you the world</b>           | Wonders Textbook & workbook | Quiz 1            |
| <b>Easter Holiday</b><br><b>March 26 – April 2</b>                                                |                        |                                                |                             |                   |
| <b>Week 30</b><br><b>April 5-9</b>                                                                |                        | Terra Nova Review                              | Prep Packet                 | Test 2            |
| <b>Week 31</b><br><b>April 12-16</b>                                                              |                        | Terra Nova Review                              | Prep Packet                 |                   |
| <b>Week 32</b><br><b>April 19-23</b><br>4/23<br>Birthday Brunch (Apr, May, June)                  | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4      | LWW Chapters 1-4                               | LWW Novel                   | Quiz 2            |
| <b>Week 33</b><br><b>April 26 - 30</b><br>4/30 - Field Day<br>½ Day                               | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4      | LWW Chapters 5-8                               | LWW Novel                   | Quiz 3            |
| <b>Week 34</b><br><b>May 3-7</b><br>5/4 May Crowning<br>5/6 – 7 <sup>th</sup><br>Closing Ceremony | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4      | LWW Chapters 9-12                              | LWW Novel                   | Test 3            |
| <b>Week 35</b><br><b>May 10-14</b>                                                                | L.4.2,L.4.3,L.4.4      | LWW Chapters 13-17                             | LWW Novel                   | Test 4<br>LWW AR  |
| <b>Week 36</b><br><b>May 17-21</b><br>5/19 – Grades Due                                           |                        | LWW Create a board game                        |                             | Quiz 4<br>AR Goal |
| <b>Week 37</b><br><b>May 24-25</b><br>5/25 – ½ Day                                                |                        | The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe Movie    |                             |                   |

