

Our Lady of the Lake Roman Catholic School
Yearly Course Outline
Spelling / Vocabulary
Fourth Grade
2026–2027

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Course Description

The students will work out of two spelling books this year. These two series will help develop student vocabulary, spelling skills, use of resources, and improve skills assessed on the Terra Nova test in the spring.

Instructional Materials

During the first semester, students will use the speller that accompanies *Reading Wonders*, Grade 4 (McGraw-Hill). In the second semester, students will use *Vocabulary Workshop*, Orange Level (Sadlier Oxford), which enriches vocabulary skills.

Methods of Assessment and Distribution

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

Assessment Weighting

90% Tests

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 4th - 7th

Week	Standards	Objectives (The learner will . . .)	Instructional Materials	Assessments
1st Quarter				
Week 1 Aug. 10-14 8/14 Summer Reading Due	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with Long A vowel patterns	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test long A
Week 2 Aug. 17-21 8/18 PTCC Mtg 6pm	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with Long E vowel patterns	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test long E
Week 3 Aug. 24-28	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with Long O vowel patterns	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test long O
Week 4 Aug 31-Sept 4	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with three letter blends	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test three letter blends
Week 5 Sept. 7-11 9/7 Labor Day No School	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with r-controlled vowels – ar/or	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test ar/or
Week 6 Sept. 14-18 Spirit Week 9/18 Pep Rally and Fun Run Kickoff	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with r-controlled vowels – er/ir/ur	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test er/ir/ur
Week 7 Sept. 21-25 9/25 Birthday Brunch (July, Aug, Sept)	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with silent letters	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - silent letters
Week 8 Sept.28- Oct. 2 10/2 – Fun Run 10/2 - ½ day dismissal	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with soft c & g	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with soft c & g
Week 9 Oct. 5-9 10/8 End of 1 st Qtr 10/9 No School 10/9-10/11 Festival of the Lake	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with inflectional endings	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with inflectional endings
2nd Quarter				
Week 10 Oct. 12-16 10/13 Living Rosary	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with inflectional endings	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with inflectional ending

10/15 CFR Reward Day 10/15 - ½ Day 10/15 - Parent Teacher Conferences 10/16 – No School				
Week 11 Oct. 19-23	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words Words with /ü/, /u- /, and /u̥ /	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words Words with /ü/, /u- /, and /u̥
Week 12 Oct. 26-30 Red Ribbon Week	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with diphthongs /oi/ and /ou/	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with diphthongs /oi/ and /ou/
Week 13 Nov. 2-6	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with closed syllables	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Spell words with closed syllables
Week 14 Nov. 9-13 11/11 Veterans Day Prayer Service	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with open syllables	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test- words with open syllables
Week 15 Nov. 16-20 St. Nick's Workshop	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with vowel teams	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with vowel teams
Thanksgiving Holidays Nov. 23-27				
Week 16 Nov 30-Dec 4 12/4 Birthday Brunch (Oct, Nov, Dec)	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with r-controlled vowel syllables	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test- words with r-controlled vowels
Week 17 Dec. 7-11	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with /en/	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test- words with /en/
Week 18 Dec. 14-18 12/18 - ½ day End of 2 nd Qtr	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Spell words with prefixes and suffixes	McGraw-Hill Wonders Book 4	Test - words with prefixes and suffixes
Christmas Holidays Dec. 21 – Jan. 4				
3rd Quarter				
Week 19 Jan. 4-8 ¼ - No School	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 1	Test - Unit 1
Week 20 Jan. 12-16	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-	Test - Unit 2

	L.4.4a		Orange level Unit 2	
Week 21 Jan. 18-22 1/18 – MLK Day No School 1/22 Birthday Brunch (Jan, Feb, Mar)	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 1	Test - Unit 1
Week 22 Jan. 25-29 1/29 - Pep Rally 1/29 – Eve Parade	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 2	Test - Unit 2
Week 23 Feb. 1-5 Catholic Schools Week 2/5 Grandparents Day 2/5 – ½ Day	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 1	Test - Unit 1
Mardi Gras Holiday February 8-12				
Week 24 Feb. 15-19	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 6	Test - Unit 6
Week 25 Feb. 22-26	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 7	Test - Unit 7
Week 26 March 1-5 Book Fair	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 8	Test - Unit 8
Week 27 March 8-12 3/12 – ½ Day End of 3 rd Qtr	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 9	Test - Unit 9
4th Quarter				

Week 28 March 15-19 3/18 - Passion Play	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 10	Test - Unit 10
Week 29 March 22-26 3/26 - Good Friday	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 11	Test - Unit 11
Easter Holiday March 26 – April 2				
Week 30 April 5-9	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 12	Test - Unit 12
Week 31 April 12-16	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 13	Test - Unit 13
Week 32 April 19-23 4/23 Birthday Brunch (Apr, May, June)	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 14	Test - Unit 14
Week 33 April 26 - 30 4/30 - Field Day ½ Day	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 15	Test - Unit 15
Week 34 May 3-7 5/4 May Crowning 5/6 – 7 th Closing Ceremony	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-Orange level Unit 16	Test - Unit 16
Week 35 May 10-14	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop-	Test - Unit 17

			Orange level Unit 17	
Week 36 May 17-21 5/19 – Grades Due	RF.4.3a L.4.2D L.4. 4b L.4.4a	Define and spell unit words correctly.	Sadlier Oxford Vocabulary Workshop- Orange level Unit 17	Test - Unit 17
Week 37 May 24-25 5/25 – ½ Day				