

# Mr. Halvorsen's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Greeting! I am absolutely delighted to be teaching this class! They are full of smiles and enthusiasm! I will do my very best to nurture these attributes as we progress through the school year! The format of the weekly newsletter is what you see here. Important announcements will be in the introductory paragraph. What we will be doing in each subject will be noted below. Please continue to check SchoolSpeak every day for other important class and school-wide information. Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will review that God the Father sent His only Son Jesus to us. We will also investigate ways in which we can model “what Jesus would do” throughout the day.

Math: We will investigate place value. Students will demonstrate their proficiency with this skill by working with money.

Language Arts: We will assimilate 12 new vocabulary words each week. Students will demonstrate their knowledge by producing well-written writings with as many vocabulary words as possible.

Social Studies: We will develop our proficiency in interpreting and making maps of all types, including local, state, country-wide, continental, and also with globes.

Science: We will have an overview of what Biology is, followed by an exploration of cells and cell parts. Students will use a microscope to observe many cell parts.

Reading: Our first story in our basal reader will be “The Gardener.” Students will hone their predicting skills as we go along.

Music: Students will identify musical genres by discovering their music #selfie.

Physical Education: Students will investigate daily protocols and safety procedures for physical education classes. Students will review and work on their locomotor movements (i.e.: run, walk, gallop, skip, hop, jump, leap, etc). Students will explore team-building activities. We will also explore our Physical Fitness Goals.

Spanish: This week students will practice the Hail Mary in Spanish and will greet each other.

Technology: Students will know the rules and procedures necessary to successfully produce work in the computer lab.

Art: Welcome back to a new and wonderful school year! We'll be reviewing classroom rules and procedures as well as creating our sketchbooks which will be used every week to practice new skills.

Homework: Please check your child's homework each night. The assignments can be found in the “Homework” section on SchoolSpeak and in their planner. I ask that in addition to “regular” homework such as Math, Word Study, etc., students read for pleasure at least 20 minutes per night. This can be in any form, including chapter books, graphic novels, magazine articles, etc.

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

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