

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

August 29, 2016

Dear Parents,

Greeting! Everyone has transitioned well into the brisk pace of fourth grade! Thank you for helping your children with their schoolwork and in maintaining a positive attitude about school and our class. Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will discern what God's calling might be for us. We will also examine our conscience.

Math: We will investigate when estimating and rounding is an appropriate method of counting. We will also use a number line to create midpoints and other benchmarks. Students are bringing home their IXL logs each Monday. Students must go to the website each week and practice for at least 30 minutes.

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 identify the parts of a microscope. We will also observe the parts of a cell through the microscope.

Reading: This week's story in our basal reader will be "Donovan's Word Jar." Students will investigate the "greater good" of helping others beyond the act itself, as the protagonist brings apartment members together as he develops his vocabulary. Students are now bringing home their Reading Log each Monday for the week. They must read for at least 40 minutes at home each week.

Music: Students will create musical goals for the school year.

Physical Education: This week we will participate in skill assessment activities and we will investigate and participate in President's Physical Fitness Testing. We will continue to delve into the game of Basketball, reviewing rules, regulations and working on basic skills.

Spanish: This week students will continue to pray 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. Typing skills are practiced during each Technology class.

Art: Students will create a self-portrait project by sketching and outlining using a pencil and sharpie, and then adding color with oil pastels and crayon. We'll also examine and analyze Leonardo da Vinci's Mona Lisa with Grant Wood's American Gothic.

Homework: Please check your child's homework each night. The assignments can be found in the "Homework" section on SchoolSpeak and in their planner.

Have a blessed week!

Sincerely,

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