

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Greeting! I hope everyone managed to stay dry last weekend! With cooler weather arriving, please make sure all jackets, sweaters, etc. have your child's name on those articles. Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will survey the liturgical calendar year.

Math: We will have an addition and subtraction quiz midweek. We will then start Unit 4, Multiplication. Students must master their "times tables" this fall. 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 every two weeks. Students will demonstrate their knowledge by producing well-written writings with as many vocabulary words as possible. We will also begin our next writing prompt, "Steps in a Process," where students will write about how to do something with the instructions being in the correct order.

Social Studies: We are continuing Virginia history with an investigation into early attempts by the English to colonize the southeastern Virginia and Northeast North Carolina region. The "Lost Colony" will be the focus later this week. This is always one of students' favorite historical mysteries!

Science: We have now moved into Botany, the study of plants. We are investigating how plants reproduce. We planted potatoes and onions as an example of vegetative propagation. There will be a "Part 1 Botany" test on Friday. The study guide will go home on Wednesday.

Reading: This week we will practice our inferencing skills, where they will have to figure out the meaning of many story parts based on clues. Students are 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 identify the steps to create their first Halloween theme musical composition.

Physical Education: Students will investigate Violence Prevention/Conflict Resolution. Students will also participate in skill drills related to the game of Wiffle Ball, as well as a cooperative game of Wiffle Ball.

Spanish: This week students will continue to pray the Hail Mary in Spanish and will greet each other. They will identify basic colors.

Technology: Students will continue to hone their typing skills, which are practiced during each Technology class. Students have also begun reading short passages with quizzes at Readtheory.com.

Art: No Art Class this week due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

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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