

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

October 3, 2016

Dear Parents,

Greeting! I hope everyone had a great weekend! With cooler weather arriving, please make sure all jackets, sweaters, etc. have your child's name on those articles. As a reminder, the "Regions" Poster Project is due this coming Friday. Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will examine the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

Math: We will have an addition and subtraction quiz midweek. We will master subtraction with regrouping using four digits and more. We will also begin to practice "times tables" up to the 12's. 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 beginning early Virginia history with an investigation of the Native Americans in the area at the time of English exploration. As a reminder, students should be working on their "Regions" poster project, which is due Friday, October 7th.

Science: We have now moved into Botany, the study of plants. We are investigating how plants reproduce. We will produce several examples of the various means by which plants do so.

Reading: This week we will explore conflict resolution in the story "The Baker's Neighbor," a tale about a baker wanting to charge his neighbor for the smells coming from the bakery! 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 demonstrate movement concepts in the song "Dance Josey."

Physical Education: Students will investigate their fitness goals while participating in President's Physical Fitness Testing. Students will critique their individual skills and game play while engaging in cooperative games.

Spanish: This week students will continue to pray the Hail Mary in Spanish and will greet each other. They will continue to explore numbers from 1-50.

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: Students will add color to their Grant Wood-style portraits with watercolor paint. This project will be part of our Original Works fundraiser and will be sent home the week of the October 31st.

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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