

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

September 5, 2016

Dear Parents,

Greeting! I hope everyone had a restful long weekend and that "Hermine" wasn't too hard on every one! Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will examine our conscience, seeing how it is formed and how it guides us.

Math: We will use money, an essential skill! Students will make change and compare money amounts. Later in the week we will begin rounding to given places (hundreds, thousands, etc.). 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 investigate and use different types of maps, including topographical, precipitation, and land use maps. Latitude and longitude will also be explored.

Science: We will identify plant and fungus cells, keying in on the various cell structures and what they do for the cell.

Reading: This week we will develop our "inferencing" skills, where students figure out the author's meaning from clues in the text. 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 practice and prepare for Fun and Food Fest.

Physical Education: Students will participate in conditioning and strength activities. Students will investigate their fitness goals while participating in President's Physical Fitness Testing. Students 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 continue with their first web quest, investigating landforms on the Enchanted Learning Website. Typing skills are practiced during each Technology class.

Art: No class this week due to the Labor Day holiday...see you next week!

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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