

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Greeting! I hope everyone had a great weekend! We are going full blast here in fourth grade! Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will examine how good and bad behavior is a choice.

Math: We will turn our energy to addition, including the associative and commutative, and identity properties. Students will also be challenged to develop ways to increase their computation skills using mental math "shortcuts." 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. We have also started our first writing prompt, "My Favorite Animal."

Social Studies: We will investigate latitude and longitude. Virginia's climate and varied weather will also be surveyed.

Science: We will compare and contrast the difference between eukaryotic, protist, and prokaryotic cells.

Reading: This week we will identify conflict and its resolution in a story. 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 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 will participate in game activities.

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

Technology: Students will continue to hone their typing skills, which are practiced during each Technology class.

Art: Students will analyze their progress so far, and then paint and draw the clothing on their Grant Wood style portraits. Next week, students will draw a home, apartment, barn, or clubhouse behind the people.

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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