

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

September 19, 2016

Dear Parents,

Greeting! I hope everyone had a great weekend! We have a soggy week ahead of us but we're enthusiastic about learning just the same! Here is what is happening in our class this week:

Religion: We will examine our conscience and how it is formed.

Math: We will focus on honing our mental math skills. We will also practice estimating sums and differences. 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 are wrapping up our first writing prompt, "My Favorite Animal."

Social Studies: We will investigate three main geographical regions; the Tidewater, Piedmont, and Ridge-Valley. Students brought home yesterday the instructions for their "Geographical Region" poster project, which is due October 7th.

Science: We will wrap up our Cellular unit with a test on Friday. The study guide will be going home on Wednesday. In the interim we will begin our next unit of exploration, Botany.

Reading: This week we will develop inferencing and summarizing skills. 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 differentiating between levels in the song "Dinah."

Physical Education: Students will investigate their fitness goals while participating in President's Physical Fitness Testing. Students will critique their individual game play while participating in games of basketball.

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.

Art: Students will critique their progress, and then will paint clothing on their Grant Wood-style portraits. If time allows, they will draw background features such as a home, apartment, barn, or clubhouse.

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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