

Mr. Halvorsen's 4th Grade Weekly Class Newsletter

September 26, 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. Here is what is happening in our class this week:

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

Math: We will have an addition and subtraction quiz midweek. Later this week we will produce addition and subtraction sentences (word problems) involving numbers up to 1 million. 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 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 elevation maps along with the Ridge-Valley geographical region. Students last week brought home the instructions for their "Geographical Region" poster project, which is due October 7th.

Science: We will wrap up our Cellular unit with a test Tuesday. Students have their study guide in their homework binder. We have now moved into Botany, the study of plants. In this unit, students will identify the steps and materials necessary for photosynthesis.

Reading: This week we will develop comprehension skills and identifying the setting of a story. This month's book report is due Friday, September 30th. 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 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.

Art: Students will outline the main components in their Grant Wood-style portraits with oil pastel and then add color with watercolor paint.

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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