

## **Fourth Grade News April 7, 2017**

### **Classroom News**

Our class has been enjoying the Second Step lessons on anti-bullying, as there have been several skits and fun activities to act things out! I appreciate your discussions and activities completed at home with your child, and hope these types of discussions continue even after this unit is completed.

The wagon directions were sent out this week. The constructed wagon is due in class on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. We will decorate and assemble the wagon contents in class before heading off on the Oregon Trail! Please send any supplies, materials, or items your child would like to include in their wagon on or before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

For the Oregon Trail overnight trip, I will have more information for you as we get closer. In the past, we have met up at the MLC school off NW Glisan at 9am on Thursday morning, and you will return to the same location to pick your child up around 2pm on Friday afternoon. We will take a bus to our location up by Government Camp. Please note: your child will NOT be at Cathedral School either of these days, so if you normally utilize after care, please make other arrangements.

In light of leadership being the focus of the month for Cathedral students, I wanted to share an exciting opportunity our class has coming up! The students will participate in workshops focused on leadership skills. The girls will participate in Tenielle Shenae's True Reflections Program and the boys will get a chance to work with Mr. Mitch Overley. All students will focus on self-worth, building good friendships, positive leadership, and team building through a variety of interactive activities and discussions. This leadership program will begin on May 22<sup>nd</sup> and run up until the last week of school. Pamphlets including more information in regards to the True Reflections workshop as well as Tenielle Shenae will be sent home with students on Monday.

### **Curriculum Focus for Next Week**

#### **Religion**

Next week we will recognize Holy Week, especially Triduum, as the most important days in the Church year. We will discuss what charity means to us and how we can participate in acts of charity in our community, at home, and at school.

#### **Reading**

Next week we will continue our next group novels! Students will utilize Google Classroom to respond to reflection questions based upon their reading. Students will work together in groups to discuss story elements, analyze characters, and identify themes.

#### **Writing**

Next week we will begin our opinion writing unit. The students will choose a topic,

which they feel strongly about one way or the other, and begin to brainstorm their thoughts and ideas and how to support those thoughts. In grammar, we will review our unit 4 on adjectives, adverbs and prepositions. The test will be on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. In spelling, we will review prefixes/suffixes and frequent spelling patterns for words with soft-syllable endings include, spelled *le*, *al*, and *el*.

### **Math**

Next week we will learn how to add fractions with like denominators, model subtraction of fractions, demonstrate how to subtract fractions with like denominators, and use a number line to add and subtract fractions.

### **Social Studies**

Next week we will have our chapter 7 test on Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup>. We will then begin our Oregon Trail chapter! The students will explore what it meant to “move west,” what children’s roles and jobs were on the Oregon Trail, what types of things were necessary to bring in the wagon, and what daily life was like on the trail. A reminder that the wagons are due on class on Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup>.

### **School News**

#### **Lunch**

There will be no hot lunch next Monday, due to the Chrism dinner. Lunch will also be eaten in the classrooms, so it would be extremely helpful to send your child with a lunch that does not need to be reheated or require the microwave. We appreciate your help!

### **Upcoming Events**

- Monday, April 10<sup>th</sup> – Social studies chapter 7 test
- Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Stations of the Cross, 8:30am
- Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Covered wagon due in class