

Fourth Grade News April 28, 2017

Classroom News

The annual Art Show & Spaghetti Dinner is next week! Our class is assigned to assist with the set-up for the art show next Thursday evening. Shifts have been added to Volgistics for you to sign up for various times on May 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Please sign up for a shift if you are available. We appreciate your help!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will explore the 8th Commandment and understand that it is calling us to be honest in words and to live in truth. Students will define martyrs and be able to discuss which saints we researched for our projects were martyrs. Students will also discuss how we can be witnesses for Jesus.

Reading

Next week we will continue our small 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 continue our opinion writing unit. The students have selected their topics to present their opinions on and argue and we will begin drafting next week. In grammar, we will learn about using *I* and *me* correctly in sentences and possessive pronouns. In spelling, we will identify that words are easier to spell when each word part is spelled separately and that *long i* and *long e* sounds at the end of words are usually spelled *y*.

Math

Next week we will review topic 12, and our topic 12 test will be Tuesday. Our next chapter will focus on extending fraction concepts. Specifically, the students will look at fractions as multiples of unit fractions and learn to multiply fractions by a whole number.

Social Studies

Next week we will learn about livestock branding and raising cattle, and identify some risks and opportunities presented to Oregon pioneers. We will prepare for our chapter 3 test and review in class. The chapter 3 test will be on Friday, May 5th.

School News

May Crowning

May Crowning is on Wednesday, May 3rd at 8:30 in the church. To honor Mary, students are invited to bring in a flower and wear 'Sunday Best' dress. Please feel free to

join us and bring your own flower to place on the altar.

Speech Festival

The Speech Festival is coming up! Annually, Cathedral hosts a speech festival in June. We will continue this tradition with each class performing a group chorale piece on June 8th. Parents are invited to watch the chorale performances (in the afternoon, times are TBD). Along with this, students kindergarten through 8th grade, will participate individually in the classroom. Pre-kindergarten students can choose whether they would like to participate in their classroom.

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by May 12th and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd. More information will be coming soon!

Please see the attached documents for more information as well as the sign up form. The sign up form and a copy of the speech selection should be sent to the classroom by May 12th. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, May 2nd – Topic 12 math test
- Wednesday, May 3rd – May crowning, 8:30am
- Thursday, May 4th – Art Show/Spaghetti dinner
- Friday, May 5th – Chapter 3 Social Studies test
- Friday, May 12th – Speech festival selections due