

Fourth Grade News January 6th, 2017

Classroom News

We had a very busy first week back, but the students jumped right back into routine and hit the ground running!

Our next field trip is on **Wednesday, January 25th** to the State Capital Building in Salem. The field trip takes up a majority of the day, so it is a big commitment for volunteers, but it's such a great trip and allows the students to see hands on examples and artifacts from Oregon becoming a state and how the government operates. Sign ups are available on Volgistics if you're able to join us!

Our next classroom novel study will be *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio. Please help your child obtain a copy of this book by **Monday, January 23rd**.

Even though the Oregon Trail Overnight trip is a few months away, we need to start collecting baby food jars! Each student needs to bring in a baby food jar (or similar size jar) before the trip. The jars will be used to create butter in during our overnight. You may begin sending these jars in at any point and I will start collecting them. If you have extras, please feel free to send those in as well. Thank you in advance for your help!

Our second round of STAR assessments will be given next week, so please help your child have a nutritious breakfast and snack, as well as get a good nights' sleep.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will discuss honoring God. We will learn about the first 3 Commandments, what they tell us, why they're important, and what actions we can take to live by them. We will also discuss the variety of ways we can show respect for God.

Reading

Next week we will wrap up our novel study groups. Students will work on character sketches of a main character from their novel. Students will use the novel to find examples of characteristics demonstrated by the character they chose. These will be displayed up in the hallway once they're finished!

Writing

Next week we will identify and use main verbs and helping verbs in grammar. In spelling, we will work on homophones and the *ch/tch* spelling pattern. We will also begin exploring the key components for "how to" writing and begin our own "how to" articles!

Math

Next week we will wrap up our chapter on multiplying 2-digit numbers by using compatible numbers to estimate and solving multiple-step problems. We will complete the chapter review and take our chapter 7 assessment. We will begin chapter 8 at the end of the week, which dives deeper into multiplying 2-digit numbers.

Social Studies

Next week we will continue our chapter on the statehood of Oregon. Students will learn about what life in Oregon was like during the depression and war, during the following time of peace and plenty, during a time of growth and technology changes in Oregon.

School News

Catholic Schools Week

Our annual celebration of Catholic schools, National Catholic Schools Week, will take place January 29th to February 3rd, 2017. To kick off the week, we will hold a special Mass on Sunday, January 29th, at 9:00 am. All students are invited to participate in the Mass as greeters, readers, ushers, to carry the gifts, or join the procession. If you will be attending this Mass and your children would like to participate, please go to <https://goo.gl/forms/MIj4qopSrYeHR2dH3> to complete the online form.

Save the date for Special Friend's Breakfast on February 1st!

Auction

Your youngest child should have brought home an auction packet this week! This packet includes everything you need to get started procuring for the 2017 Cathedral School auction. All Cathedral School families must procure a minimum of \$400 worth of goods or services for our annual auction before the January 20th procurement deadline.

Upcoming Events

- Thursday, January 12th – Math chapter 7 test
- Monday, January 16th – No School, MLK, Jr. Day
- Tuesday, February 1st – Special Friend's Breakfast