

## **Fourth Grade News March 3, 2017**

### **Classroom News**

Our class participated in reconciliation yesterday. It was a great reminder of what we can be working on during Lent and a reminder of the importance of our Lenten promises.

Next week our class will travel with the 3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes to the Portland Youth Philharmonic Concert on March 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a great opportunity for our students to see other students share their musical talents.

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

#### **Religion**

Next week we will continue to reflect on our Lenten promises. We will also discuss the Church leaders and teachers we know and those from the Bible.

#### **Reading**

Next week we will practice inferences. We will use our background knowledge and apply what we know to make inferences about different situations. Students will then use evidence from the text to back up their inferences.

#### **Writing**

Next week we will begin our next writing assignment, to plan the trip of a lifetime! Your child has just been given a credit card with no limit to plan their ultimate spring break vacation. Where will they go? And more importantly, will they take you with them? ☺ In grammar, we will use *more*, *most*, *good* and *bad* to compare nouns. In spelling, we will learn about consonant blends (br, cr, dr, fr, gr, pr, scr, st, str, thr, and tr) and spelling rules for adding suffixes to the end of words.

#### **Math**

Next week we will learn how to divide 3-digit by 2-digit numbers and 4-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers and work on solving multiple step problems. These concepts have been very challenging for the students, so we have spent a great deal of our class time reviewing the process of long division. Please check in with your child while they are completing their homework to make sure they are on the right track! We will also review for our topic 10 test next week and complete some review activities.

#### **Social Studies**

Next week we will begin learning about Oregon's valleys. We will learn about Tom McCall's accomplishments, the geography of our interior valleys, diagram a watershed and understand its purpose and how it works, and we will learn about the life cycle of steelhead.

## **School News**

I look forward to seeing you at the auction Saturday night!

### **Sugar and Spice Drive**

7th Grade will be kicking off their Spotlight on Service project next week. They are asking for donations of either sugar or any sort of spices. The donations will be going to the Blanchet House, which helps distribute food for the poor. Sugar and spices are expensive for shelters and often times very little is put into the food they distribute so our project is to help them add a little flavor or 'spice' up their entrees. There will be bins placed in each classroom for donations. Any and all donations will go a long way in helping out the Blanchet House.

### **Upcoming Events**

- Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> – Cathedral Auction
- Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> – Early dismissal, 11:30am