

Fourth Grade News February 17th, 2017

Classroom News

Thank you for turning your Oregon Trail Overnight medical and conduct forms back in. If you haven't had a chance to complete the tan and pink forms, please complete them by Friday, February 24th. Also, don't forget to sign up on Volgistics if you'd like to be considered for the volunteer lottery!

Next week our class will be participate in NAEP testing. The National Assessment of Educational Progress randomly selected our 4th grade students to participate in a math, reading, or writing assessment. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep Tuesday and a good breakfast on Wednesday!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will discuss how the saints are models of virtue for us. We will also have a Church visit with Father Tim to learn more about the Church and the Sacraments used during Mass. He will also be discussing parts of the Mass and the purpose behind the prayers we recite.

Reading

Next week we will continue to work in novel study groups to wrap up *Wonder*. Students will read the remainder of the novel and discuss the ending. Our Google Classroom assignments will be focused on finding examples of themes throughout the book. The students will use the focus on characters and themes to write a paper to share their thoughts and connections to the book after we have completed the reading.

Writing

Next week we will edit and revise our "how to" articles. In grammar, we will begin our new unit and learn about adjectives and the articles a, an, and the. In spelling, we will focus on antonyms, the /ow/ spelling patterns, and adjectives comparing two things and more than two things.

Math

Next week we will review for our topic 9 test. The topic 9 test will be on Tuesday, February 21st. On Wednesday we will get into our next chapter, which focuses on building fluency within division. We will use repeated subtraction as a method to solve division fact problems we may not know by heart.

Science

Next week we will study how Earth's surface can change rapidly, where Earth's water is found, and the water cycle. We will have a lab to demonstrate weathering and erosion.

This brings us to the end of chapter 5, so we will begin our chapter review at the end of the week.

School News

Science Expo

The science expo is tonight from 5-7pm. Everyone will have great opportunities to get involved with hands on science and technology. I hope to see you all there!

Community Service

Please join us in supporting the Children's Book Bank. Did you know the ratio of books to children in low-income households is 1 to every 300? Help us provide books to The Children's Book Bank, a great local organization. February 20-27 we will be collecting gently used early reader, picture, and elementary school age books. Book bins will be located by the front door and courtyard doors. We appreciate your consideration and support! - Jonathan and Jake Viteznic

Upcoming Events

- Monday and Tuesday, February 20th and 21st – Regular school days
- Tuesday, February 21st – Math topic 9 test
- Wednesday, February 22nd - NAEP Testing
- Friday, February 24th – Oregon Trail Overnight forms due