4th GRADE

April 11-15

4th grade students are officially members of the Oregon Trail! We are reading about the Oregon Trail in our *Get Oregonized* textbook and also participating in an Oregon Trail simulation game. As a culminating activity to our Oregon Trail unit, the students will be creating a covered wagon of their own! Instructions were discussed in class and brought home today. Please take some time to review these project directions with your child and begin to brainstorm ideas. The project and supplies will be due in class on <u>Monday, May 9th</u>. Let me know if you have any questions!

We will continue with poetry for the rest of this month, but in May, the students will begin reading our next class novel, *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen. Your child needs to have this novel in class by <u>Friday, April 29th</u>, so that we can begin our pre-reading activities. I encourage your child to check the school and local libraries for copies before purchasing the book!

Our next field trip is a walk to the Oregon Historical Society in downtown Portland to explore the museum. For this trip, I will need 3 parent volunteers to walk with us and help chaperone. Please follow this link to sign up to join: http://vols.pt/8mL9GR.

Upcoming Events:

- Early dismissal 11:30am – Wednesday, April 20th
- Dodgeball Tournament – Friday, April 22nd
- Oregon Historical Society field trip – Tuesday, April 26th
- *Hatchet* due in class – Friday, April 29th

What's Coming Up Next Week?

Religion	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
Explore what baptism calls us to do Blessed Frederic Oxanam Focus of the month: leadership	Poetry: cinquain and acrostic poems Small groups	Opinion writing Spelling: compound words and suffixes Grammar: Comparing *good* and *well* & comparing adverbs	Modeling subtraction of fractions Subtracting fractions with like denominators Adding and subtracting on a number line Improper fractions and mixed numbers		"Seeing the Elephant" Oregon! Tall Timber Cattle Country