

## **Fourth Grade News January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

### **Classroom News**

One more driver is needed for our State Capital field trip on Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up on Volgistics if you can join.

Next week our class will travel to St. Vincent de Paul School in Salem with the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade. The students will take a bus and do not need to pack a snack or lunch for the day, unless your child has specific dietary restrictions. I look forward to this fun day!

Catholic Schools Week is next week! The students will be meeting in the gym each morning for prayer and announcements, instead of going straight to the classrooms. Please remind your child of this next week.

On February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> grade students will take the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) assessment. NAEP is the largest continuing and nationally representative measure of private and public school achievement across the country.

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

#### **Religion**

Next week we will wrap up our chapter on the first 3 Commandments. We will discuss ways that we can demonstrate following the 10 Commandments in our daily lives.

#### **Reading**

Next week we will work in novel study groups to read *Wonder*. Students will read through Part 1 in the main character, August's, perspective. I encourage you to discuss this book with your child as it has many underlying themes and events that are great discussion starters to share about empathy, friendships, differences, bullying, and respecting others.

#### **Writing**

Next week we will begin to write our own "how to" articles! The students will be able to select a topic on their own and start brainstorming the key elements they will need to include in their paper. In spelling, we will focus on homophone pairs and also the frequent spelling patterns for /u/ and /yu/.

#### **Math**

Next week we will finish up our chapter on multiplying 2-digit numbers. We will work on problem solving with word problems and review for our Topic 8 test, which will be Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.

#### **Social Studies**

Next week we will learn about the changes in technology Oregon has undergone in the last few decades and discuss what Oregon is like today. We will identify large Oregon based companies that are in our area. We will also discuss Nobel Prize winners. This will wrap up our chapter on Oregon becoming a state!

### **School News**

#### **Catholic Schools Week**

Students, wherever you go to Mass this weekend, wear your Cathedral School uniform with pride! This weekend kicks off Catholic Schools Week, and a great way to celebrate it is to wear your uniform to Mass and show how proud you are to be a Cathedral School student. As is tradition, students who wear their uniforms to Mass may wear free dress to school on Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>.

Here is the schedule for the week:

Sunday, 1/29

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Parish

\*Mass at St. Mary's, 9 a.m.

\*Open House, 10- 12:30

Monday, 1/30 Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Community

\*Author Visit, Mike Thaler

Tuesday, 1/31:

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Students

\*2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade to St. Vincent DePaul School

\*Buddy classes make cards for local citizens in service

Wednesday, 2/1

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Nation

\*Special Friends Breakfast, 7:50

\*Mass, 9:30 a.m.

\*Virtual Field Trips using Nearpod

Thursday, 2/2

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Vocations

\*Talent Show, 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Friday, 2/3

Faith, Knowledge, Service: In Our Families

\*Empathy Kick Off Assembly

\*Family Groups play board games

### **Upcoming Events**

- Tuesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> – St. Vincent de Paul School trip
- Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> – Special Friend's Breakfast

- Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Regular school day
- Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Topic 8 math test