

Fourth Grade News May 5, 2017

Classroom News

Thank you to parents who volunteered to help at the Art Show & Spaghetti Dinner! The event couldn't have happened without your help, so thank you for all that you did!!

A reminder that student speech selections are due Friday, May 12th for the Speech Festival. This is a requirement of all students. I will give you more information as we get closer as to when the student speeches will be given in the classroom the week of May 22nd, so that you can mark your calendars to attend!

Next week, our class will start the countdown to the end of school by honoring a different student each day! Each day, a balloon will be popped and a student's name will be revealed. For that day, the student will get to use special school supplies, use the teacher's chair, have special duties and responsibilities in the class, and the students will get to honor the selected student with a special note of gratitude or memory for the year. I look forward to each student getting a chance in the spotlight, and hope they enjoy their special day and their memory books!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will define martyrs and be able to discuss which saints we researched for our projects were martyrs. Students will discuss how we can be witnesses for Jesus and how we can live in the spirit of the 8th Commandment.

Reading

Next week we will continue our small group novels. Students will utilize Google Classroom to respond to reflection questions based upon their reading. Students will work together in groups to discuss story elements, analyze characters, and identify themes.

Writing

Next week we will continue our opinion writing unit and drafting papers. In grammar, we will learn how to identify relative pronouns and adverbs in sentences, as well as use contractions with pronouns correctly. In spelling, we will review that possessives show ownership and some possessives need apostrophes. We will also review prefixes/suffixes added to base words.

Math

Next week we will learn how to multiply a fraction by a whole number using symbols, explore fractions as they relate to decimals, identify fractions and decimals on a number line, find equivalent fractions and decimals, and explore decimal place value. These concepts may be difficult for students, especially those that are still working to master fraction concepts, so please check in with your child during homework to answer

questions they may have or contact me and let me know if there are questions they were unsure of.

Science

Next week we will begin chapter 8 on energy and heat. The students will address the question: how does energy cause change? Students will identify forms of energy and explore what sound and light energy are. Students will have opportunities to work on a few different lab activities to categorize types of energy and explore how light energy works.

School News

Mac Attack

This community service drive will be held by 2nd and 6th grades May 15th – 26th. More information will be coming soon. Start collecting your mac and cheese to donate!

Speech Festival

Start thinking about a piece your student can memorize- a poem, part of a favorite story, part of a speech... From this, 3 students will be selected to share their piece in front of the whole school on June 8th. Student's individual selections are due by **May 12th** and will be presented to the classroom during the week of May 22nd.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 10th – All school rosary
- Friday, May 12th – Speech festival selections due