

Fourth Grade News May 19, 2017

Classroom News

This is the first year that the students can join student council, and it's a great leadership and service opportunity for them! If your child is interested, please remember that the applications are due by Wednesday, May 24th, so please help make sure your child has turned his/hers in if interested. Information has been attached to this email for your convenience.

We still need volunteers to join us for our Apple Store visit on Monday, June 5th! Please sign up on Volgistics if you're able to join us.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will learn about the Liturgical year. We will identify key dates in the Liturgical year, describe the Paschal Mystery and learn about the seasons on the Liturgical calendar. We will also identify the colors that coordinate with each season in the Liturgical year.

Reading

Next week we will complete our culminating projects. The novel study groups are working together to complete a movie trailer to advertise their novel. The QR codes will be up with their brochures on the hallway bulletin board for your viewing pleasure once completed! We will then begin reading *Hatchet* by Gary Paulsen for our next group novel. We have a class set in the classroom, so there is no need to purchase this book!

Writing

Next week we will begin our summer bucket list. The students will explore events and places around Portland that they'd like to explore this summer. They will then narrow down their list and identify places they want to go, things they want to do, and people they want to see. The students will put this together in a fun, creative way and they will be posted in the hallway upon completion! In grammar, we will begin the final unit of our curriculum: capitalization, punctuation, and spelling. We will work on writing sentences correctly and capitalizing proper nouns. In spelling, we will discuss the origination of Latin roots and identify commonly used ones, and review prefixes and suffixes.

Math

Next week we will have our topic 13 test on Monday, followed by starting our next chapter on lines, angles and shapes. We will learn about all different types of geometry, starting with points, lines, and planes, line segments, rays and angles, understanding angles and unit angles, and measuring with unit angles. The students will be using a class set of protractors for this chapter, which will need to be used both at home and school. Please help your child remember to return this each day so he/she has it to use in class!

Science

Next week we will explore static electricity, how do electric charges flow in circuit, how electricity transfers energy and magnetism. The students will participate in a circuit MakerSpace with Mrs. Rae where they will build circuits and explore the transfer of energy in order to make a machine work.

School News**Upcoming Events**

- Monday, May 22nd – Topic 13 math test
- Friday, May 26th – Early dismissal, 11:30am
- Monday, May 29th – No School, Memorial Day