

Fourth Grade News January 13th, 2017

Classroom News

We have rescheduled the State Capital field trip for **Wednesday, February 8th**. This time our tour is at 12:30pm. We will plan to leave around 10:45am. This will give us time to get down there, eat lunch, and begin our tour on time. We still need more drivers!! Sign ups are available on Volgistics if you're able to join us.

4th grade is in charge of POW next week, Wednesday January 25th at 8:20am. We will be sharing the Beatitudes, what they mean to us, and how we can demonstrate them in our daily lives. Please save the date so you can join us!

Catholic Schools Week is right around the corner! This year the 4th grade is lucky enough to travel down to our sister school, St. Vincent de Paul, in Salem with the 2nd grade class. The students will be able to spend the day with 3rd - 5th grade students in their classrooms. This is a great community experience for our students and I'm very excited and thankful for this opportunity.

We need volunteers to sign up for our Valentine's Day party. The party will be on Tuesday, February 14th from 2:15-3pm. Please sign up on Volgistics if you're available.

Copies of *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio are due in class by **Monday, January 23rd**.

Baby food jars are needed for the Oregon Trail overnight. A jar of similar size is also helpful, but please send in at your earliest convenience.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will discuss honoring God. We will learn about the first 3 Commandments, what they tell us, why they're important, and what actions we can take to live by them. We will also discuss the variety of ways we can show respect for God.

Reading

Next week we will work on completing our character sketches of a main character from their novel. The students will type their final draft, illustrate the main character, and display them up in the hallways! We will also begin our next class novel, *Wonder*.

Writing

Next week in grammar we will focus on progressive and irregular verb forms. In spelling, we will focus on silent letters, homophones, and the spelling patterns *ck*, *dge*, and *tch* that usually follow a short vowel. We will also begin exploring the key components for "how to" writing and begin our own "how to" articles!

Math

Next week we will begin chapter 8, which dives deeper into multiplying 2-digit numbers. We will focus on multiplying 2-digit numbers, arrays and expanded algorithms and multiplying by multiples of 10.

Social Studies

Next week we will learn about what life in Oregon was like during the depression and war, during the following time of peace and plenty, during a time of growth and technology changes in Oregon.

School News**Spotlight on Service**

The Pre-Kindergarten class is sponsoring a coin drive from January 23rd-27th. Bring in your change to support our sister school, St. Vincent DePaul in Salem. We currently have 237 students in our school community. If every child brought in at least \$2.00 in coins we would have just under \$500. We want to reach \$500. Help meet this goal. Pre-K is asking you to check your piggy banks, look in the couch cushions, take some cans and bottles back, look in the car, keep your eyes open when you are walking along the sidewalk and gather the coins. Coins can be brought directly to classrooms. We will let everyone know if we met our goal at the assembly on Monday January 30th. Thank you for your support!

Hot Lunch

Lunch orders are due by January 24th for the month of February. Don't forget to order your lunches!

Upcoming Events

- Monday, January 23rd – Chapter 7 math test
- Monday, January 23rd – *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio due in class
- Wednesday, January 25th – 4th grade POW
- Friday, January 27th – Early dismissal, 11:30am
- Wednesday, February 1st – Special Friend's Breakfast