

4th GRADE

February 29 – March 4

The students did a fantastic job on their STAR tests this week! I am very proud of their progress and how much they have grown this year. Please keep reminding your child to practice facts on a daily basis to maintain skills.

SLE of the Week:

I use my talents and gifts to help all God's creations

We have started our next writing assignment, which connects writing and our science curriculum. The students all chose an ecosystem out of a hat, and we will work over the next few weeks to research this ecosystem and write about it. The details will include: climate, plants, animals, and activities for that biome. As a culmination of this writing and science unit, the students will create a 3D version of their ecosystem in a shoebox. We will create these shoebox ecosystems in the classroom, so all materials brought from home will be due in class by **Wednesday, March 16th**. Please encourage your child to be creative and search for materials around home before running to the store. I have encouraged them to be as creative as they can be and allowed them to use any medium they'd like – paint, clay, plastic animals, paper, cotton balls, sand, Legos, etc. We will complete the project over a few days, so if there are parts that need to dry (paint or glue) before moving on to another part, that process will have time to be completed. Here are the parameters for the assignment:

- 3D model of an ecosystem presented in a shoebox (or similar size box)
- Include plant and animal examples found in that ecosystem
- Any materials may be used

Please let me know if you have questions!

Oregon Trail Overnight: The date for our trip has changed to **May 12-13th**. The location has also changed since we changed the dates, so we will now travel to Camp Kuratli at Trestle Glen in Boring, Oregon. This is the same camp we were at last year, and it is a great location. The camp is very clean and updated, which makes the sleeping arrangements more pleasant!

Keep sending in the baby jars and tuna cans!

Lost and Found: Don't forget to check Cathedral's lost and found. The abandoned items are piling up, so if your child is missing anything, please come claim the items! The left over items will be donated over spring break.

Upcoming Events:

- No School – Friday, March 4th
- Auction – Saturday, March 5th
- Concert field trip – Wednesday, March 9th
- Math chapter 10 test – Friday, March 11th
- Ecosystem materials due in class – Wednesday, March 16th

What's Coming Up Next Week?

Religion	Reading	Writing	Math	Science	Social Studies
Loving God and Neighbor The Great Commandment Acts of charity Focus of the month: empathy	Reading strategy: Inferences Small groups	Spelling: spelling patterns for /ou/, suffix, antonyms Grammar: Articles and demonstrative adjectives Wordly Wise lesson 6	Dividing 4-digit by 1-digit numbers Multiple-Step Problems Chapter 10 review Chapter 10 test	How are rocks classified? Weathering and erosion LAB: rock layers LAB: How does a rock wear away?	