

Fourth Grade News February 10th, 2017

Classroom News

Thank you to all the parents who joined us on our field trip this week! We had a great time at the State Capital and it was a great reinforcement for concepts we've been studying in social studies and for our test yesterday!

The 4th and Pre-K classes are responsible for putting on the Sunday, February 26th Mass at 9am. You should have received an email this week with a form to complete if your child would like a role in this Mass. There is still plenty of time to sign up, so please feel free to do so if you haven't had a chance to yet. We hope to include as many students as possible.

The Oregon Trail Overnight trip is rapidly approaching! We will travel to a camp near Government Camp April 20th – 21st. More specific details will come as we get closer, but the student medical and conduct forms came home today, along with some information about the trip. Please fill out these forms at your earliest convenience and return them to the classroom. We will also be looking for parents to volunteer to join us! If you're interested, please sign up on Volgistics to enter the lottery. In a few weeks we will then pull names in the classroom to see which parents will come with us. If you have a daughter in the class, mom can volunteer, and if you have a son, dad can volunteer. I will be looking for 2 dads and 3 moms, based on rations and numbers in our class. Please remember that you must have all your volunteer requirements completed to sign up on Volgistics, so if you are missing anything be sure to get any remaining pieces completed soon so you can sign up to join us!

Our Valentine's Day party will be next Tuesday, February 14th at 2:15pm. There are several parents who are working together to organize fun activities for the students, so I want to thank them in advance. We would also like to invite any other parents who are interested in joining us for our party!

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will focus on models of virtue. The students will discuss how we can be lights of the world. We will also discuss who models faith for us. We will read about St. Catherine of Siena and discuss reasons people admire her.

Reading

Next week we will continue to work in novel study groups to read *Wonder*. Students will read through Part 6 in August's perspective and Part 7 in Miranda's perspective. We will continue to use Google Classroom to reflect on our readings and give opinions on characters' actions and events in the novel.

Writing

Next week we are still writing our "how to" articles. In grammar, we will review the different types of verbs we have studied. We will utilize IXL to help practice creating and identifying sentences with different types of verbs. We will complete the unit review and the unit 3 test will be on Thursday, February 16th. In spelling, we will focus on soft-syllable words that end in *er*, *ar* and *or* and nouns in their singular and plural forms.

Math

Next week we will learn about dividing with remainders, create and solve multiplication and division stories, and draw a picture to solve an equation. We will complete our review for topic 9, and our topic 9 test will be on Monday, February 20th.

Science

Next week we will learn about Earth's resources. We will learn about how minerals and rocks are classified, what are weathering and erosion, and how can Earth's surface change rapidly. We will also have a science lab on identifying and classifying different types of rocks.

School News

Science Expo

This fun event is coming up on Friday, February 17th! Please see the email attachment for more details and information.

Community Service

Next week (Feb 12-19) is the Oregon Humane Society (OHS) Service Project led by 7th grader Lily Ragan. Lily will be collecting funds and supplies for the dogs and cats living at OHS, with the goal of raising at least \$800 and over 100 items. The support of the Cathedral community for the last three years was so fantastic that she is still increasing her goals from last year! There will be bins at the front and side doors for donation items. Monetary donations should be left in the 7th grade box by the front office; checks should be written to Oregon Humane Society. All donations collected will be remitted to the OHS. If you would like to make a cash donation, please use this link:

<https://secure.oregonhumane.org/LilyR>. A list of suggested donations is attached to this email.

"I am so happy to be continuing this for the third year in a row and I can't wait to see how many donations I can get this year! Thanks again, Cathedral Community for helping the animals in need! I know you love them as much as I do!" – Lily Ragan

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday, February 14th – Valentine's Day party 2:15pm
- Thursday, February 16th – Grammar unit 3 test
- Friday, February 17th – Science Expo 5-7pm