

Fourth Grade News May 12, 2017

Classroom News

Thank you for the flowers and sweet cards I received this week for teacher appreciation week! I appreciate all your thoughts and kind words. Even more so, I appreciate all the support you offer your children at home, which helps make my job easier!

With the sun shining bright this week, the students needed some reminders of school and classroom expectations. We have a few big weeks coming up as we wrap up units in all subject areas, with several tests and final projects due. Please continue to support your child with good homework and study habits all the way until the end!

We will be traveling to the Apple Store at Pioneer Place on Monday, June 5th to use iPad apps to extend our science curriculum and energy unit. Please sign up on Volgistics to join us on this trip, which will be approximately 9:30am-12pm. This will be our final field trip of the school year.

Curriculum Focus for Next Week

Religion

Next week we will wrap up our chapter focusing on the 8th Commandment, and we will have a visit from Monsignor Brennan. Monsignor will discuss the importance of morality in our lives as Catholics, and what this means for our daily sayings and actions. Our next chapter focuses on the Liturgical year and its most important dates.

Reading

Next week we will work on our culminating projects. The students will individually finish creating a brochure to advertise their novel. The novel study groups will then work together to create a movie trailer to advertise their novel. I look forward to the group collaboration and use of technology. These brochures will be up on the hallway bulletin once completed, and the QR codes for the videos will be posted as well!

Writing

Next week we will complete and publish our opinion-writing unit. Keep an eye out for these on the bulletin boards in the hallway! In grammar, we will review our unit on pronouns and prepare for the unit 5 test on Thursday, May 18th. In spelling, we will learn that antonyms are words that have opposite meanings and homophones are words that sound the same but have different spellings and meanings.

Math

Next week we will explore decimal place value, compare and order decimals, use money to understand decimals and problem solve using drawings. This will wrap up topic 13, so we will begin our review and have the topic test the following week on Monday, May 22nd.

Science

Next week we will explore heat energy. The students will conduct a lab to explore how heat transfers between objects. The students will also explore a fun science lab with conducting electricity and exploring the transfer of energy. We will begin reviewing for the chapter 8 test, which will be Monday, May 22nd.

School News**Hot Lunch**

The hot lunch order deadline is Thursday, May 18th for the June order. Make sure to order your lunches!

Mac Attack

May's Spotlight on Service is the Mac Attack service project, which provides boxed macaroni and cheese to the Portland Police Sunshine Division. This two-week service project will begin on May 15th. Please help us with this battle against hunger by bringing in boxes of Mac and Cheese to your child's classroom starting May 15th.

Upcoming Events

- Wednesday, May 17th – All school rosary
- Thursday, May 18th – Middle school musical, 1:45pm & 7pm