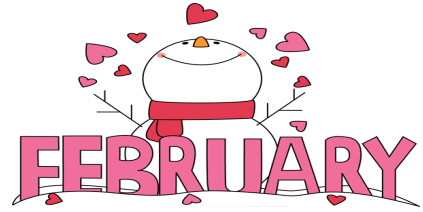


# Grade 4 News



**This month, we are planning on the following:**

**Religion:** Grade 4 is continuing their study of the Ten Commandments, focusing on the ways to follow the first and second commandments in order to show love, trust, and respect for God. We will explore everyday ways that we can follow Mary's example of complete trust in God. We will also be learning about Lent, as Ash Wednesday is soon upon us!

**ELA:** We will continue Unit 4 in Grammar during February with a study of comparing with adjectives and then moving on to adverbs and prepositions. We will also continue using the writing process by writing multi-paragraph compositions in ELA, Social Studies, and Science. We are gearing up for the New York State exams as we continue to sharpen our comprehension strategies by identifying main ideas and details, text structure, author's word choices, and text evidence that backs up an author's statement. Using Newsela daily is also helping us to develop our comprehension skills and written responses to literature. We will also continue our study of poetry using figurative language.

**Social Studies:** Grade 4 is excited to learn about early Dutch settlements and the beginning of colonization here in what was once New Netherland! We will be meeting Peter Stuyvesant and learning about how he once governed. We will also be working on Document Based Questions for a more in depth study of the colonization of New Netherland and New Amsterdam, and will discover words, activities, and foods that we have inherited from these early colonists.

**Science:** Our experiments and investigations will continue in February as we observe how light refracts as well as how communication transfer has evolved over time. We will be investigating the use of light and other electromagnetic radiation to send and receive information. Video clips from Discovery Ed help us to understand the concepts we are learning.

**Math:** We will continue our study of fractions this month, specifically addition and subtraction of them. We will also find equivalent expressions, and use tape diagrams to solve word problems. We enjoy our blended learning groups and MAP Accelerator to maintain and sharpen our skills.

As always, we are quite busy learning!

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to me at [debra.scipioni@kingstoncatholic.org](mailto:debra.scipioni@kingstoncatholic.org)! God bless!