



## What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great four-day weekend! Mine was busy as I went to Boston to see my son run XC, worked around the house, celebrated my husband's birthday, and relaxed. Our class is starting to get into a routine and that will make each day a bit easier for me and the kids!

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Sharing spots:** Each 4<sup>th</sup> grade child has a sharing spot in the classroom. This is the place where they can display pictures, medals, or papers they are proud of. This is their spot which they can update anytime. You may send in items tomorrow!

**Quarter Book Report:** Our quarter one book report will be sent home this week. I will explain to the students what is expected and how to complete the report. This report will be due on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Extended Day** begins this week!

We are looking for students to speak about Assumption School on September 16<sup>th</sup> (4 PM Mass) or on Sunday, September 17<sup>th</sup> (7 AM, 9 AM, or 11 AM Mass). If your child is interested please contact the office.

Join us for our Fun Fair on Friday! We are looking forward to seeing all of our families there! It is from 5 PM-8 PM. The rain date will be on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

Our curriculum night will be held on Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Mrs. Russo and I are looking forward to meeting you and telling you about our classes.

Our fourth-grade students will be involved in the Mass this year. They will sign up on Wednesday for two or more of these ministries: Reader, greeter, altar server (even if you are not Catholic) and chorus. This is an exciting time for our students. Please encourage them to be involved in two or more of these ministries.

I do allow REDO's on homework. If a child receives a **65% or less**, they can redo the assignment on their own for a higher grade. There are times that I want them to redo the assignment as the concept is important and I will write REDO and a date it is due at the top of their paper.

Our specials begin this week. Please make sure your child wears their gym uniform on Friday. =)))

We will start preparing for MAP testing next week with some practice tests. We will be testing (Tentatively) on the 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> of September in the morning.



## Onto Business.....

**Religion:** Our religion lessons take us to learning about Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We will discuss how we get to know Jesus and see Jesus in others, how we follow Jesus, and we learn about original sin.

**Math:** This week we will work on place value in the thousands and millions. We learn about expanded form and standard form. I will begin with timed addition checks this week to see where the students are with the memorization of their basic facts. We will grade these in class. They will not count as a grade as we are still working on the mastery of the facts. I also encourage you to check your child's homework each night and have them make corrections. This helps them learn what they did incorrectly and in time have them self-correct. Also **spelling counts** in math class when writing out the numbers. Please print (no cursive) in MATH ONLY!!! Please use only pencil in Math!

Science: This week we jump right into microscopes and cells. We will be looking at fly leg and cheek cell specimens. We end the week with the function and structures of animal and plant cells. Sounds pretty cool!

Reading: We start one of my favorite books this week, Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. The tales of Peter and his brother, Fudge, truly make me and the class laugh out loud. Our book started off with Peter winning a big prize which his mother groaned about. The Hatcher's in chapter 2 had a few houseguests. It did not turn out well. What happened you ask? Ask your child what Fudge ate, and a few things he did to scare Mrs. Yarby. We will have vocabulary to learn, questions to answer and many fun projects throughout this novel. Please remember to ask your child each night what we read today in class. This is a great way to focus on reading comprehension outside of class.

Language Arts: We had a great first couple of days together last week! As we continue to get to know each other this week, we will have some fun participating in a few team building social activities to welcome Valerie into our classroom community. We will also begin identifying 4 types of sentences, take a diagnostic pre-test in vocabulary just to see where everyone is at, and submit our first writing sample in the form of a poem by Shel Silverstein.

Social Studies: This year our focus will be on the five regions that make up the United States. We begin the year by sharpening up our map reading skills as we learn about cardinal directions and the compass rose, using a map scale to measure distance on a map, and using the map key features to gather information and identify locations on a political and landforms map.



## Our Calendar.....

Happy Birthday to Connor 9/5! We hope you have a great day!

September 6<sup>th</sup>: XC practice (If you turned in your permission slip)

September 6<sup>th</sup>: Ministry Day

September 7<sup>th</sup>: Curriculum night 6:00 PM-7:30

September 8<sup>th</sup>: Wear your gym uniforms, Fun Fair 5-8 PM

September 11<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM, MAP testing for the school begins, XC practice

September 13<sup>th</sup>: XC Practice

September 13<sup>th</sup>: PTG meeting 6:30 PM in the church hall

September 15<sup>th</sup>: Ice Cream Friday! Bring a \$1 to purchase an ice cream treat

September 18<sup>th</sup>: Mass 9 AM, XC Practice

September 20<sup>th</sup>: NO XC practice

September 21<sup>st</sup>: MAP testing 4/5

September 22<sup>nd</sup>: Hearing Screening, MAP testing, Pizza slips due

Hope you have a great week! God Bless.

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Math: This week in math we are looking at place value to the billions and expanded form review, I will begin with timed addition checks this week to see where the students are with the memorization of their basic facts. We will grade these in class. They will not count as a grade as we are still working on the mastery of the facts. I encourage you to check your child's homework and have them make corrections at home. This will help them learn to correct their mistakes and acknowledge them in the future. Please print (no cursive) in Math ONLY and spelling does count on homework and tests.

Science: Fun times ahead in science this week, we are looking at identifying tools that astronomers use, describing constellations, locating the big dipper on a sky map and the many factors that determine the stars and constellations we see. We will also be constructing a Galilean refracting telescope in class.

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