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**DECEMBER**  
wonderful time of the year  
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FOURTH GRADE

Dear Parents,

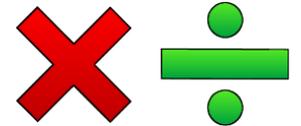
During this very special time of the year, fourth grade is focusing on Advent and how we can make our hearts beautiful for Jesus. Each day we will be reading a verse from the Bible and help fill up our classroom Jesse tree. The Jesse tree helps us connect the custom of decorating Christmas trees to the events leading to Jesus' birth. The Jesse tree is named from Isaiah 11:1: "A shoot shall come out of the stock of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots." We adorn our classroom Jesse tree with illustrated ornaments that represent the people and events leading up to the birth of Jesus. Throughout the month we are discussing our unique gifts and talents and how we can use them to help the less fortunate and how we can be peace-makers both at school and at home.

### The Jesse Tree

"A shoot will spring forth from the stump of Jesse, and a branch will grow out of his roots."  
Isaiah 11:1



This month we will be finishing up multiplication practice and moving on to division by January. In social studies we are learning about the Spanish arrival in California and the establishment of the mission system. Mission reports and rubrics will be given out in early January. We are continuing our study of Earth science and ecosystems. We will begin writing a persuasive essay in class and continuing to work on creative writing.



## ECOSYSTEMS



## dates to Remember

- Our field trip to Mission San Diego is scheduled for Thursday, December 7th from 8:30-11:00
- 4th grade is leading and preparing a whole school mass on Friday, December 8th in honor of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. We hope to see you there!!
- All are welcomed to attend our 4th grade classroom ROSARY said each Thursday, from 11:24-11:55
- Please join us for a Christmas Readers Theater performance on Thursday, December 14th from 2:00-2:45 in our classroom!!

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Thanks

Thank you for your continued support- it truly means so much and I feel so grateful to be surrounded by nineteen fantastic fourth graders.

May peace be your gift at Christmas and your blessing all year through!!!

With gratitude in my heart, Mrs. Flores

