

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

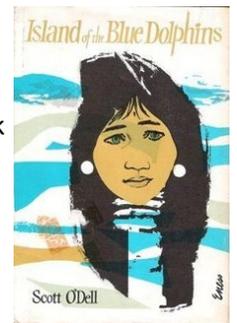
First of all, thank you to all of you that were able to make it to our Back- to- School night. I enjoyed meeting with you all once again. If you were not able to make it and have not received the packet, please let me know so I can get that to you.

SEPTEMBER

Your children have had a great first couple of days already. Even though they have been some half days, I am impressed with them once again. I'm so blessed to have this opportunity again. The first couple of days of class have been mostly a review of classroom policies and expectations. Next week, we will start getting into our material more and homework will also start then. Homework will be assigned for the entire week on Monday and it is due the following Monday. They should be done by Friday and they can turn it in then. I give them the weekend to finish up any unfinished work though. Again, I would appreciate your patience and flexibility as I adjust to a new grade level. I will do my best to keep you informed of anything upcoming. You may always contact me via email or in person if you have questions on anything. At least for the first month or two I will email the week's homework sheet to you. I don't issue this to your child like I did back in 2nd grade. They need to be responsible enough to be able to write the assignments properly in their planner. For the first few weeks you will have the copy to help them out with this. I hope this helps out.



As we start our year in language arts, we begin our reading program on the topic of journeys and various stories about travel experiences. We also have our vocabulary and spelling words to work on. One week they will need to write complete sentences for words 1-6 in their vocabulary book. The next week they will write sentences for the words 7-12. Vocabulary tests are every other week on Friday, alternating with spelling tests. I also check their reading logs periodically and they are graded on their log as part of the reading grade. In addition, I will be providing writing prompts for the students so they can continue to hone their writing skills. As discussed at Back- to- School night, we will be reading Island of the Blue Dolphins as our first novel this year. Our copies are not in the best of shape and Mr. Lorenzen was so kind to purchase a new set for all of us. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

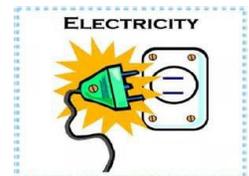


Thank You!

math

In math, the first few days have been spent quickly reviewing some basic concepts from 3rd grade. By the time you read this we will have started our first chapter looking at number sense and place values. This should be familiar to them already. The first few weeks of math should be relatively easy for them. Later, when we get to long division they may need more assistance.

In science, we begin the year with a chapter on electricity. We will not be using our Science Weeklies this year, we will utilize our science textbook and study guides.



In social studies, we begin the year with a discussion on where we live and the general features of the state of California. We will be using our Studies Weeklies for social studies. I may use some of the textbook from time to time but the bulk will be from Studies Weeklies. You should be seeing these come home when we complete each one.

In religion, we begin by discussing God's importance in our lives and his sending his Son to save us.

As of right now we do not have a room mom yet. Please let me know if you would like to help us



out in filling that position. I know from past experience that this is a wonderful class of children and parents. Having a room mom to help run things is so important for a successful year.

**say
yes**



Thank you for understanding that I am getting my feet wet and trying to find my way in a new grade level. I promise to do the best I can in educating your child both academically, physically with athletics and socially. I just need flexibility, patience and support. Thank you so much for giving me that.



Monday, September 3rd-- Labor Day-no school

Friday, September 7th-- Noon dismissal

Monday, September 11th-Patriot Day

Monday, September 11th-Picture Day

Saturday, September 15th—Diner en Blanc

Sunday, September 16th-Catechetical Sunday

Tuesday, September 18th—All school Mass—11:00am



PE days are on Wednesday and Friday.
Our weekly Mass is on Wednesday at 8:00 AM.

**happy
birthday**

September 29 Dustin F.

God Bless,
Mr. Urtz