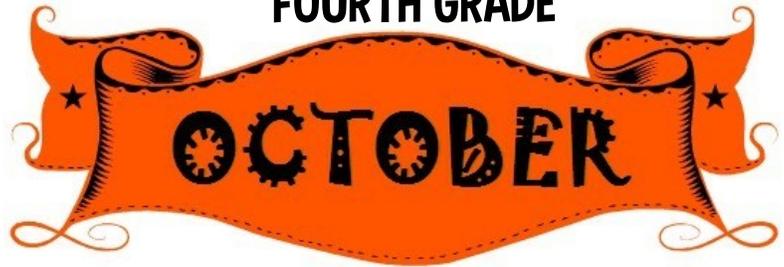


Dear 4th Grade Parents,

FOURTH GRADE



Well, we've made it through our first month of school and things are going well in 4th grade. The children are doing a wonderful job. Hopefully, you are getting the routine of



homework down. There was a little confusion at first but I

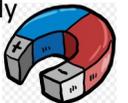
think everyone has it down now. We alternate testing every other Friday between Vocabulary and Spelling. Also, they are only required to write sentences for 6 vocabulary words a week. Our units have 12 words so they do 6 per week over the two weeks that it takes us to complete the unit. I'm grading these sentences so they really need to put some thought into them. Also, I check their reading log each Friday. This is graded and you will see that in Gradelink. Some have had problems with this and it is an area that should be an easy A grade. If you are confused on any of the work areas please let me know so we can work it out before we get much further in our year.

In language arts, we are still reading on the topic of journeys and various stories about travel experiences. Right now we are reading the story of the sinking of the Titanic. In addition, the children are finishing up their first writing assignment. We have edited them and some have finished their final. We will begin another writing prompt shortly.

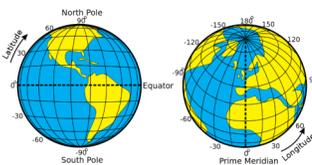


In math, we just finished our test on chapter 1 and will be moving into chapter 2 next week. Chapter 2 is pretty much a review of addition/subtraction concepts so we will move quickly through this material.

In science, we finished up our chapter on electricity and are moving into our discussion on magnetism.



In social studies, we are still discussing where we live and also talking about latitudes and longitudes. As a navigator for many years in the Navy, I love this topic. I'll even tell them how I've seen shipmates lose their birthday crossing the International Dateline.



In religion, we have been discussing the Beatitudes and they just completed an open book quiz with their partner's help. Also, thank you for ensuring the children are in dress uniform on our Mass days.



Hurray!! Thank you so very much to Mrs. Garay and Mrs. Tyssee for stepping up to fill in as our room moms this year. They both already have a ton on their plates and still stepped up to help so I really I appreciate it. Please give them all the support you can. I'd also like to thank Mrs. Yousif for volunteering to assist in any way. Thank You !!

I'm loving being in this class this year. They are a wonderful group. Thank you all for your patience as we get this year rolling along. We are all looking forward to our field trip in November. I tried for December but they were all sold out.



- Friday, October 5 Noon dismissal
- Tuesday, October 16 All school Mass at 11:00am
- Friday, October 19 Students off- Teacher in-service
- Tuesday, October 23 Makeup picture day
- Friday, October 26 End of quarter/ Noon dismissal-No daycare/ GhouL Run and Carnival
- Wednesday, October 31 Happy Halloween (Class party information forthcoming)

Let's Go Yankees!!!

God Bless,
Mr. Urtz