

FOURTH GRADE

Dear 4th Grade Parents,

FEBRUARY

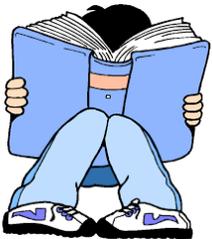
I hope your 2019 is off to a great start. We have settled back into our schedule at school. The first few days back can be a little choppy but we are rolling now.



Catholic school week is upon us and that will be quite busy. I'm sure all the children enjoy having their grandparents visit. I'm sure the children will do a great job on their song. They are used to hearing it as I play it right before SSR ends each day. It is a Scotty McCreery song titled "Five More Minutes" and he wrote it about his grandfather. On a side note, Scotty McCreery used to bag groceries for my brother and his wife in Garner, North Carolina at Lowes grocery store.



Your children did an excellent job on their school Mass on January 15th. Every single one of them impressed me. I received many compliments on how well they all did. Bravo Zulu 4th graders!!



In language arts, we just finished reading a Caribbean version of Cinderella called "Cendrillon". We are also wrapping up the "Wednesday Wars" novel and have started "Island of the Blue Dolphins". They also are working on another writing about the most exciting place they have ever visited.

In math, we finished up the chapter on division. Some struggled a little with this. It is so important that they have their multiplication facts down as so many skills build on that foundation. They found this out when doing longer division problems. Please keep working with them on those. It will benefit them in the years to come. The chapter we just started deals with measurement and temperature.

DIVISION

In social studies, we continue to learn about the early settlers of California. They are learning about the different tribes that settled different sections of California. Our field trip is all set to the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcalá on February 8th. Drivers have all been designated for this trip. I try to give those that did not get a chance to drive on the previous trip an opportunity on this one. Also, look for information about their mission project to come home shortly if you have not already received it.

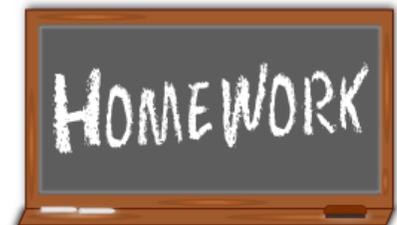


In science, we are still learning about ecosystems and how different plants and animals interact and affect each other. On our first science test after the break I did allow use of their books. We have been working on our note-taking and I'm weaning them off the book during tests and how to take their own notes. On our next test they will need to do some extra studying and they will be allowed to use notes but no book. By the end of the year I will not allow either. This will help them in their next few years. They will still use their Studies Weeklies for social studies tests.



In religion, we have been discussing the Ten Commandments one by one and just finished our discussion of the 2nd commandment.

So far this year they have done an excellent job having their homework ready on Friday. If your child has been late in getting this in or is not turning it in please work on this as it does hurt their overall grade in the subject and in responsible behavior. But so far it appears the due date being Friday works better all around.



THANK YOU

Thank you for continuing to be flexible with me. There are several things I want to do and I'm working on trying to fit them in.



As always, please let me know if you have any questions or concerns of any type.

Happy Valentine's Day— Only 333 days until Christmas Eve!!



Nate-G. February 28

God Bless,
Mr. Urtz