

FOURTH GRADE

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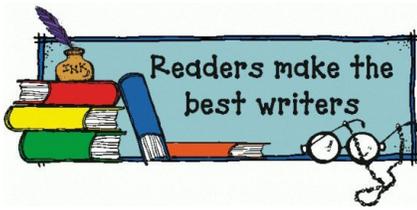
Dear 4th Grade Parents,

It's amazing that the month of March is upon us. Where has this school year gone?

I received word that the children did a fabulous job singing their song on Grandparents' Day. Great



job 4th grade!! We do have a bunch of great singers in here. If anyone has a video of it I would love to see it. I'm sorry I missed it.



In language arts, we are reading a story about a girl that changes schools in the middle of the year and the struggles she encounters. We also are into our reading of "Island of the Blue Dolphins". They also are wrapping up their writing about the most exciting place they have ever visited. They will be doing writing assignments relating to our chapters in the "Island of the Blue Dolphins" too.

In math, we finished up the chapter on measurement, time and temperature. Some struggled with elapsed time and especially when going from PM to AM and vice versa. Try to quiz them once in a while on this please. The chapter we are beginning now is dealing with various types of graphs and probability and statistics. After that we start fraction work—one of my favorites along with geometry. Please don't ask me what I got on my New York Regents Geometry final exam in 10th grade though. (I blamed the teacher—of course!! haha) But ironically, a large part of my naval job was geometry—target angles of ships and navigation angles, controlling airplanes and having to compute angles of intercept on the fly, etc. So it wasn't until I put it to use that it all clicked. I tell the students that all the time—you will use math in life a whole lot more than you realize.



In social studies, we are beginning to learn about early California explorers and the start of the establishment of the missions throughout our state. Each child has been assigned a mission to do a report, project and presentation on. The report and project are due on Thursday, March 28th. They will do their presentation shortly after that. I will send out a presentation schedule soon. Our field trip to the Mission Basilica San Diego de Alcala went very well. Thank you to all that volunteered to drive and help us out.

Also, the children enjoyed having Mrs. Maggie Espinosa come in and speak to them about her journey to all 21 missions. They loved getting the autographed book. Thank you for supporting this.

In science, we finished up Chapter 5 on how plants and animals interact within an ecosystem. Soon we will begin our earth science section and learn about minerals and rocks.



In religion, we have been discussing the Ten Commandments one by one and just finished our discussion of the 3rd commandment. Before moving on through the rest of the commandments we are discussing the different parts of the Mass and will be moving into our Lenten season. As you are aware, your children will be attending the Stations of the Cross each week during Lent. Please make sure they are in dress uniform for these. I've listed our Mass and stations schedule (see page 2).



Dress Uniform Alert - Mass & Stations of the Cross

Mass-Ash Wednesday, March 6th -11am

**ASH
WEDNESDAY**

Stations are Thursday, March 14th at 11:30, Thursday, March 21st at 2pm, Thursday, March 28th at 11:30am, Thursday, April 4th at 2pm, Thursday, April 11th at 11:30am,

Good Friday—Veneration of the Cross 11:00. Living stations at 11:15am.



I am looking into ordering the Gold Rush play and putting it on. I have a rough plan of it being performed in May sometime. I still need some help with coordinating costumes and props. Once I get the play music and script we will start working on it and assign the parts. Please bear with me as this is my first shot at this.

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



Happy St. Patrick's Day

God Bless,
Mr. Urtz



Sofia G. March 2

Jonas S. March 3

James L. March 12