

# FOURTH GRADE



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. 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.

# BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT



though they have been only half days, I am impressed with them. 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 on Friday. You may always contact me via email or in person if you have questions on anything. As discussed at back to school night we will practice writing the homework in our planner. However, as I discovered last year this can be time consuming in class. I'll also be sending a copy of the homework home with them. They can then write it in their planner if you'd like. They can use the planner to keep track of what has been done and due dates. 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. Right now we are waiting on the vocabulary books to arrive so you won't see any of that on homework or testing yet. I also check their reading logs every other Friday and they are graded on their log as part of the reading grade. The first reading log check will be on Friday, September 6th. 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. You do not need to purchase this novel, we have plenty on hand thanks to a donation last year.

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. 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.

Thank you Mrs. Paterson for stepping up to be our room mom. This is a huge help to me. I'm sure she will do a fabulous job —Thank you so much!! Having a room mom to help run things is so important for a successful year. If you haven't turned in your earthquake kit, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.



I promise to do the best I can in educating your child academically, physically with athletics and socially. I just need flexibility, patience and support. Thank you so much for giving me that.

# UPCOMING Events

Monday, September 2nd	Labor Day-no school
Friday, September 6th	Noon dismissal
Wednesday, September 11th	Patriot Day
Tuesday, September 17th	All school Mass 11:00am
Wednesday, September 18th	Picture Day
Saturday, September 28th	Casino Night

## physical education

MONDAY & WEDNESDAY

4TH GRADE ATTENDS 8AM MORNING MASS  
ON WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING 09/04/19



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Lucas H. August 27th

Julius K. September 11th

Mary B. September 16th

God Bless,

Mr. Urtz



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