

# 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Newsletter

December 9-13



## Reading

**The story for the week:** *The Battle of the Alamo*

**Skills:** Make Inferences, Central Idea, Author's Purpose

**Vocabulary Words:** surrendered, rebellion, furious, tyrant, occasionally, secure

**Grammar Focus:** Possessive pronouns

**Spelling Focus:** Adding *-ed* or *-ing*

## Math

This week we will continue with chapter 13, which focuses on area and perimeter. We will learn the formula for measuring rectangular spaces and understand how area and perimeter are related.

## Religion

We'll be jumping ahead in our books to keep with concepts that reflect the season. This week we will be reading and discussing session 14- Serving God and others. This session explains how Mary became the first disciple through her willingness to bring Jesus into this world.

## Science

We'll wrap up part 1 of our zoology unit this week with a review on Tuesday and test on Thursday. The test will cover what we have learned about vertebrates.

## Social Studies

This week students are studying about Sir Francis Drake and the mystery of Whale Cove. They will also learn about the customs of the tribes of the Plateau and Plains. The quiz will be taken on Friday, December 13.

## Upcoming Dates

Nov. 25-Dec. 18- Christmas Drive

Dec. 10- Christmas Concert at MQP

Dec. 13- Mass at OLOS (Full Dress)

Dec. 18- Class Christmas Party

Dec. 23-Jan. 3- Christmas Break

## Upcoming Tests

Dec. 12- Zoology Part 1 Assessment

Dec. 13- Plateau and Plains People Quiz

Dec. 19- Area/Perimeter Math Assessment

## Other Notes:

- The Christmas Concert is this week! Students will need to arrive at Mary Queen of Peace no later than 6:15 on Tuesday evening with their recorders in hand. Students should be dressed in Sunday attire. All students will be expected to attend.
- Next week is our Christmas party! I would like to invite students to bring in a wrapped Christmas tree ornament as part of a fun ornament gift exchange. Ornaments should cost \$5 or less.

The following words will be tested on Friday, December 13.

1. rising
2. traced
3. stripped
4. slammed
5. dancing
6. striped
7. winning
8. snapping
9. bragging
10. handled
11. dripped
12. begged
13. dared
14. skipped
15. hitting
16. spotted
17. raced
18. dimmed
19. spinning
20. escaped
21. aloud
22. allowed
23. steal
24. steel
25. forgetting
26. admitted
27. equaled
28. glistening

**Prayer:**

Dear God, as we draw closer to the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ, help each of us grow in faith and in love. During our journey through this advent season, help us take moments throughout the day and think about the impact Jesus' coming had on our world. Help us open our heart to your light and let this light shine in our own lives and the lives of those we meet. Amen.

**SLE of the week:**



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