

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

February 24-28

## Reading

**The story for the week:** *Thunder Rose*

**Skills:** Central Idea, Characters, Figurative Language

**Vocabulary Words:** recall, vividly, accentuated, resourceful, disposition, commendable, devastation, partial, splendor

**Grammar Focus:** Relative Pronouns and Adverbs

**Spelling Focus:** Suffixes *-ful, -less, -ness, -ment*

## Math

We're beginning our fractions unit by revisiting factors and multiples, discussing prime and composite numbers, and introducing equivalent fractions.

## Religion

In preparation for Lent, we will be reading about how the Lenten season prepares us to celebrate Jesus' Resurrection. We will also learn more about the important days that we celebrate during Holy Week.

## Science

We are wrapping up the first part of our ecosystems unit, which focuses on food chains, food webs, and relationships between organisms. The test will be taken on Thursday, February 27. **Science Fair Note: Students' questions and predictions are due Friday, February 28.** Science boards are on sale now in the front office. Please have your child bring \$3 if you would like him or her to purchase the required tri-fold board through the school.

## Social Studies

We're beginning to turn our attention to the making of our state. This is a great setup for learning about our state's government. We'll read about how our land first became a territory and then transitioned into statehood. We'll also learn how the railroad impacted this process.

## Upcoming Dates

Feb. 26- Ash Wednesday (Mass/Full Dress)

Mar. 2-27- Friends of the Orphans Coin Drive

Mar. 4- First Wednesday Free Dress

Mar. 6- Mass at OLOS Hosted by Our Class (Full Dress)

Mar. 7- Annual School Auction

Mar. 12- Report Card Prep (Half Day)

Mar. 13- Professional Development (No School)

Mar. 24- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Lazarus House

April 7- Olympia Field Trip

## Upcoming Tests

Feb. 27- Ecosystems Part 1 Test

## Other Notes:

- Our school auction is two weeks away! Mrs. Carmody and I will be contributing a combined 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade breakfast that will be held in April. All students are welcome to come for \$25. Can't make the auction? No problem! Just e-mail Megan Michalson ([development@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:development@sjsissaquah.org)), if you'd like your child to attend. The auction is on March 7<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!!
- It's that time of year! On April 7, our 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be going on a journey to our state's capitol, and I need volunteers to join us. If you would like to attend our upcoming Olympia field trip, please be sure to check online that you have been cleared to volunteer. You can check with Roxane Barkley ([office@sjsissaquah.org](mailto:office@sjsissaquah.org)) in the Issaquah office if you are unsure of your online login. **You must be cleared no later than 2 weeks prior to any field trip to be eligible to attend.** Look for permission slips to be sent home soon.

## The following words will be tested on February 28:

1. colorful
2. weakness
3. enjoyment
4. endless
5. truthful
6. closeness
7. cheerful
8. spotless
9. beautiful
10. breathless
11. clumsiness
12. pavement
13. graceful
14. eagerness
15. dampness
16. scoreless
17. statement
18. wasteful
19. penniless
20. treatment
21. rebuild
22. unplanned
23. disobey
24. distrusted
25. delightful
26. effortless
27. forgiveness
28. appointment

### Prayer:

Saving God, we know that it is in and through Jesus' death that we have the promise of eternal life. It is in his words and works that your love and the love of your Son is made known for us. It is a love so great that we want to respond by saying yes to Jesus. May each of us live by saying yes to your love for us in the hope of one day being united with you. Amen.



### SLE of the week:

A Person of Character who:

- 4a. Recognizes and Uses Their Natural Talents.