

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

February 3-7

## Reading

**The stories for the week:** *Weird and Wonderous*  
*Nature's Wonders*

**Skills:** Text structure, author's craft, elements of poetry

**Vocabulary Words:** eternal, organic, intriguing, diverse, idle, core, fathom, wrath, collision

**Grammar Focus:** Adverbs

**Spelling Focus:** Words with final /j/ and /s/

## Math

We're beginning a new chapter this week, which focuses on patterns and sequences. Our lessons will begin by focus on numeric and nonnumeric patterns, sequences, and looking for patterns in word problems and tables.

## Religion

This week we are beginning session 13, which discusses how we celebrate God's forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will learn what the parable of the forgiving father tells us about God.

## Science

We will begin a new unit, Ecosystems, during this week. Our first lessons focus on characteristics of ecosystems and the producers, consumers, and decomposers in an ecosystem.

## Social Studies

We'll be wrapping up our discussions on Lewis and Clark's expedition and testing the concepts of Wednesday. After, students will be learning about the westward expansion that helped to create the Oregon Trail. They'll learn about some of the hardships and dangers travelers faced on their journey.

## Upcoming Dates

Feb. 5- First Wednesday Free Dress

Feb. 7- Mass at OLOS (Full Dress)

Feb. 13- Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 14- Staff Retreat (Half Day)

Feb. 17-18- Mid-winter Break (No School)

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

## Upcoming Tests

Feb. 5- S.S. Test: Lewis and Clark

Feb 7- Session 13 Religion Quiz (Open Book)

## Other Notes:

- Our school auction is right around the corner! 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), if you'd like your child to attend. The auction is on March 7<sup>th</sup>.
- On Thursday, February 6, we are having an open house/information night about our middle school programs. Please join us to learn about what the future holds for your children here at St. Joseph! The open house runs from 7-8pm.
- Lately, toys and stuffed animals have become a bit of a distraction in the classroom. Parents, if you could please remind your children to leave toys and stuffed animals at home, I would be grateful! Thank you for helping to support our learning environment!

## The following words will be tested on Friday, February 7:

1. glance
2. misjudge
3. damage
4. package
5. twice
6. stage
7. carriage
8. since
9. practice
10. marriage
11. baggage
12. office
13. message
14. science
15. chance
16. notice
17. manage
18. palace
19. bandage
20. furnace
21. equal
22. electric
23. stomach
24. banker
25. average
26. justice
27. knowledge
28. fragrance

### 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 for us is made known. It is a love so great that it affects who we are, and how we live. It is a love so great that we recognize the gift of eternal life as a gift beyond measure. May each of us live by saying yes to your love for us in hope of one day being united with you. Amen.



### SLE of the week:

**A Life-Long Learner who:**

2e. Engages in self-directed learning.