



4th Grade Newsletter

January 27-31

Reading

The story for the week: *Mariana Trench*

Skills: Central idea, text structure, text and graphic features

Vocabulary Words: trench, summit, thrive, vital, autonomous, prehistoric, glimpse, submersible, remotely

Grammar Focus: Adjectives

Spelling Focus: Words with /k/, /ng/, and /kw/

Math

We are going to wrap up our lessons in long division and spend time reviewing the chapter before taking our test on Thursday, January 30.

Religion

We're finishing session 12, which focuses on how the Church teaches us. Students discussed how the pope and bishops are successors of Peter and the apostles and how the Precepts of the Church strengthen our relationship with God and the Church.

Science

This week we are reviewing and testing our zoology unit. The test will be taken on Wednesday, January 29.

Social Studies

We're continuing our unit on early exploration. This week we will discuss more in depth the expedition of Lewis and Clark. Students will learn what life was like for the explorers on this voyage.

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 26-31- Catholic School's Week

Jan. 31- All School Mass in Issaquah (Half Day)

Feb. 5- First Wednesday Free Dress

Feb. 13- Valentine's Day Party

Feb. 14- Staff Retreat (Half Day)

Feb 17-18- Mid-Winter Break (No School)

Upcoming Tests

Jan. 28- Session 12 Religion Quiz (Open Book)

Jan. 29- Zoology Part 2 Test

Jan. 30- Chapter 6 Math Test

Other Notes:

- Due to the shortened week (and student appreciation on Thursday), we will not test spelling or reading this week.
- **It is Catholic Schools Week!** Here are a few reminders about what is happening:
 - Students can wear full dress to a weekend Mass at St. Joseph, MQP, or OLOS to earn free dress on a day TBD.
 - Monday is a free pizza day! Enjoy not having to pack a lunch!
 - Tuesday we have an assembly to showcase some of our school's programs. The assembly begins at 1pm. All are welcome to attend!
 - Thursday is student appreciation! This will be a Hawaiian themed-dress day.
 - Friday we will meet in Issaquah for our All School Mass.

Although we will practice the phonics skill that corresponds with these words, these words will not be tested:

1. risky
2. track
3. topic
4. blank
5. question
6. pocket
7. monkey
8. junk
9. equal
10. ache
11. public
12. attack
13. struck
14. earthquake
15. picnic
16. banker
17. electric
18. blanket
19. mistake
20. stomach
21. countries
22. tiniest
23. busier
24. studied
25. youngster
26. quaver
27. attic
28. slingshot

Prayer:

God of wisdom, help each of us in our desire to seek knowledge for the sake of service. May we see our education as a means to help others, to foster the social teaching of the Church, and to increase our ability to love. Help us work toward solidarity, dignity, and peace for each person and for each nation. Ultimately, may we see our education as a means of better understanding human beings, so that we can better serve each other in the love and spirit of Jesus our Savior. Amen.



SLE of the week:

A Life-Long Learner who:

2d. Works co-operatively and productively with others.