

4th Grade Newsletter

January 6-10



Reading

The story for the week: *Let's Dance Around the World*

Skills: Central Idea, Text Structure, Text and Graphic Features

Vocabulary Words: curator, foreground, background, rhythmic, distinctive, highlight, horizontal

Grammar Focus: Verbs- Participles

Spelling Focus: Final Long e

Math

It's time to begin long division! We will be introducing long division slowly by dividing multiples of 10, 100, and 1,000; estimating when dividing; and doing some hands-on learning. Then we will spend extended time on dividing using the step-by-step process.

Religion

Our first week back we will learn more about the Christmas season. I find this helps students to recognize that Christmas is more than just a day! We'll also assign Mass parts and practice for Friday's Mass.

Science

We're switching over to our invertebrate studies. Over the next little bit, we'll be learning specifically about annelids, cnidarians, echinoderms, mollusks, and arthropods.

Social Studies

We are beginning a more in-depth look at some of the early explorers who paved the way to future settlement here in the Pacific Northwest. Students will learn about a wide variety of explorers and each of their accomplishments.

Upcoming Dates

Jan. 8- First Wednesday Free Dress

Jan. 10- Mass at OLOS (Full Dress)

Jan. 20- Martin Luther King Jr. Day (No School)

Jan. 26-31- Catholic School's Week

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

Upcoming Tests

*No additional tests or quizzes this week

Other Notes:

- We are beginning our Biography Book Reports this week. Students will complete a sheet which highlights some of the major accomplishments for the person of their choosing. During their technology period, students will also begin working on a PowerPoint. Presentations will begin on February 18th.
- Friday, January 10th, is our second hosted Mass. If your child is assigned a role that requires them to speak, please be sure he or she practices at home every night leading up to Friday. Mass begins at 1:45pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Please join us, if you can!

The following words will be tested on Friday, January 10:

1. turkey
2. lonely
3. galley
4. steady
5. hungry
6. valley
7. hockey
8. starry
9. melody
10. movie
11. duty
12. drowsy
13. chimney
14. plenty
15. daily
16. alley
17. fifty
18. empty
19. injury
20. prairie
21. offered
22. becoming
23. slipped
24. wandering
25. colony
26. eerie
27. angry
28. melodious

Prayer:

Dear God, help us see more clearly the gift we are to the world and the potential we have within us. Help us share this with the world. We ask this through Jesus your Son. Amen.



SLE of the week:

A Life-Long Learner who:

2a. Demonstrates a solid foundation in the basics of all subjects.