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

# March 2-6

#### Reading

The stories for the week: In the Days of King Adobe A Pair of Tricksters Skills: Predictions, Theme, Characters Vocabulary Words: thrifty, generous, character, fascinated, succulent, clamped Grammar Focus: Abbreviations

Spelling Focus: Words with VCCV pattern and closed syllables

#### Math

Throughout the week we'll be working on finding the simplest form of fractions, comparing and ordering fractions, and recognizing fractions in mixed number format.

#### Religion

This week we'll spend time preparing to host Mass this coming Friday. Please join us for Mass at OLOS at 1:45pm, if you're available! If time allows, we may also begin learning about the sacrament of Anointing the Sick and the importance of prayers of intercession.

#### Science

This week we will learn about inherited characteristics and behaviors of plants and animals. Science Fair note: Materials List is due Friday, March 6. Also, tri-fold boards are on sale now for \$3. Your child can purchase boards through Mrs. Cogan in the front office.

#### **Social Studies**

This week students will study the conflicts that arose between the American Indians and American troops as settlers moved into the Northwest. They will also study the rise of the lumber, mining, and agriculture industries of the Northwest.

### **Upcoming Dates**

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**

Mar. 6- Lumber, Mining, and Fishing Quiz

## **Other Notes:**

- <u>Calling all volunteers</u>! 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 (<u>office@sisissaquah.org</u>) 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.
- Our school auction is this coming Saturday! 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>. Hope to see you there!!

# The following words will be tested on March 6:

1. million 2. collect 3. lumber 4. pepper 5. plastic 6. borrow 7. support **8.** thirty 9. perfect 10. attend **11.** canyon 12. traffic 13. fortune 14. danger 15. soccer 16. engine **17.** picture 18. survive 19. seldom **20.** effort 21. weakness 22. beautiful 23. penniless 24. enjoyment **25.** suppose 26. tunnel 27. publish 28. permit

# Prayer:

Dear God, as we enter this season of Lent help each of us be willing to give ourselves so that we can make the lives of others easier. May our actions and words reflect the gospel message. May we always remain open to serving you through acts of love and compassion. May those around us come to know and believe in you through our own generous acts of giving and kindness. We ask this through Jesus our Lord and Savior. Amen.

# SLE of the week:

A Person of Character who:

4b. Builds confidence and leadership.