

Giving Thanks



4th Grade Newsletter

November 11-15



Reading

The story for the week: *My Diary From Here to There*

Skills: Literary Elements, Point of View, Author's Craft

Vocabulary Words: burst, opportunities, immigration, refugees, amazing

Grammar Focus: Compound and Complex Sentences

Spelling Focus: Vowel + /r/ Sounds

Math

This week we finish off the chapter by reading word problems to identify whether we need to find an estimate or exact answer. After, we'll review and then take the chapter test on Friday, Nov. 15.

Religion

The students' Saint Reports were fabulous! Everyone seemed to learn a lot about a variety of saints who are great models for us. Now that we are returning to our books, we will take a deeper look at the Beatitudes. We will be discussing how we help build up the Kingdom of God by living out the Beatitudes in our own lives.

Science

We'll begin the week learning about what a watershed is in preparation for Wednesday's field trip to the Cedar River Watershed. On Thursday we'll return to our science booklets by discussion on the life cycle of angiosperms.

Social Studies

We are beginning our new unit on Native Americans. We will start by learning who the first inhabitants of this area were.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 4-22- Food Drive

Nov. 11- Veterans Day (No School)

Nov. 13- Cedar River Watershed Field Trip

Nov. 22- Mass at OLOS (Full Dress)

Nov. 27- Thanksgiving Break Begins (Half Day)

Nov. 28-29- Thanksgiving Break (No School)

Dec. 3- Picture Retakes

Upcoming Tests

Nov. 15- Memorare Prayer

Nov. 15- Chapter 4 Math Test

Other Notes:

- Students should be reading a book for their Book in the Bag project. Books need to be finished by November 16 so that students have time to complete their summary. Directions for this project were sent home on Friday, November 2, and it will be due Wednesday, November 28.
- Wednesday is our field trip to the Cedar River Watershed! Please don't forget to keep track of the weather and send your child with the appropriate gear. Also, all students will need a completely disposable lunch with their name clearly written on the outside. I am looking forward to exploring the beauty of our local Rattlesnake Lake with the class.

The following words will be tested on Friday, November 15.

1. spark
2. prepare
3. cheer
4. tear
5. scarf
6. scare
7. repair
8. earring
9. scarce
10. weird
11. sharp
12. rear
13. spare
14. gear
15. hairy
16. compare
17. alarm
18. harsh
19. upstairs
20. square
21. allow
22. cause
23. stalk
24. south
25. aware
26. pardon
27. career
28. weary

Prayer:

Good and gracious God, this time of year we think of all the things we should be thankful for. We take a moment today to give thanks for the blessings you have given us. Thank you for our friends, our families, for laughter, for sunshine, for the gentle rains, and the beautiful skies. May we always see the blessings in our lives and take time to appreciate them. Amen.

SLE of the week:



A Socially Responsible Citizen who:

3d. Knows and demonstrates principles of Catholic Social Teaching.