



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

November 25-December 6



## Reading

**Stories for these weeks:** *Smokejumpers to the Rescue!*  
*Perseus and the Fall of Medusa*

**Skills:** Text Structure, Elements of Drama, Figurative Language

**Vocabulary Words:** timid, strenuous, devised, distress, odyssey, destiny, mortal

**Grammar Focus:** Frequently Confused Words

**Spelling Focus:** Homophones

## Math

During the half week, we will finish the lessons for chapter 5 and also take some time to review the concepts of two-digit times two-digit. When we return from the break, we will do additional review and test on Wednesday, December 4. After, we're jumping some chapters. We will begin chapter 13, which is a short unit for area and perimeter.

## Religion

Our focus during the short week will be on the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we return, we'll learn about Advent as a season of hope and waiting during which we prepare to celebrate Jesus' birth.

## Science

We are beginning our new unit of zoology! Our first lessons focus on vertebrates.

## Social Studies

Students are beginning to study the cultures of the coastal American Indians. They will learn about specific tribes and an early explorer. Following that will be a focus on American Indians of the Puget Sound.

## Upcoming Dates

Nov. 27- Thanksgiving Break Begins (Half Day)

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

Dec. 3- Picture Retakes

Dec. 4- First Wednesday Free Dress

Dec. 6- Trimester Ends (Half Day)

Dec. 10- Christmas Concert at MQP

## Upcoming Tests

Dec. 4- Chapter 5 Math Test

Dec. 6- American Indians of the Puget Sound

## Other Notes:

This newsletter covers the next 2 weeks.

- The Christmas Concert is coming up! Please encourage your child to practice his or her recorder at home in preparation for this event. All students will be expected to attend. The event is held at Mary Queen of Peace in Sammamish on Tuesday, December 10. It will begin at 6:30pm.
- Christmas is coming up fast. As part of this year's Christmas activities, I would like to invite students to bring in a wrapped Christmas tree ornament as part of a fun ornament gift exchange. Ornaments should not cost any more than \$5.

The following words will be tested on Friday, December 6.

1. steel
2. steal
3. aloud
4. allowed
5. lesson
6. lessen
7. who's
8. whose
9. manor
10. manner
11. pedal
12. peddle
13. berry
14. bury
15. hanger
16. hangar
17. overdo
18. overdue
19. rain
20. reign
21. receive
22. against
23. routine
24. style
25. principle
26. principal
27. stationary
28. stationery

**Prayer:**

Loving God, we thank you for the many gifts you have given to us. In the midst of our busy days, help us see the beauty that surrounds us. May your creation cause us to pause, to open our eyes and hearts wider. May we know and feel the great love you have for us and the tremendous power you offer us. Amen.

**SLE of the week:**



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