



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

September 23-27

## Reading

**The story for the week:** *Kitoto the Mighty*

**Skills:** Retell, Literary Elements, Theme, and Author's Craft

**Vocabulary Words:** cautiously, trickle, marveled, mighty  
proclaimed, distant, majestic, hoard,  
sumptuous

**Grammar Focus:** Use of quotations in writing

**Spelling Focus:** Short *i* and long *i*

## Math

The students will be practicing adding and subtracting with patterns, adding and subtracting mentally, using estimation to add and subtract, and using the traditional method of lining up place values to add and subtract.

## Religion

This week we are discussing God's plan for salvation, with a focus on the story of Adam and Eve. We will be praying the Act of Hope to express hope and trust in God. On Thursday, September 26, we will have our first religion quiz.

## Science

We will discuss characteristics of eukaryotic and prokaryotic cells and how to classify organisms into domains. This will finish our unit on characteristics of cells, and we will be testing the following week.

## Social Studies

This week we are learning about the five geographic regions of Washington state- the Coastal Region, Western Lowlands, Cascade Mountains, Columbia Plateau, and Northeastern Highlands (Okanogan Highlands).

## Upcoming Dates

Sept. 23-Oct. 18- MAP Testing  
Oct. 1-10- Pet Food Drive  
Oct. 2- First Wednesday Free Dress  
Oct. 4- Mass at OLOS (Full Dress)  
Oct. 7-10- Book Fair  
Oct. 11- No School (Professional Development)

## Upcoming Tests

Sept. 26- MAP Test  
Sept. 27- Session 2 Religion Quiz

## Other Notes:

- Thank you to all who took part in Back to School Night! The parent/teacher relationship is so important to the success of your child's education. I look forward to working with each of you throughout the year to help your child grow in their knowledge and faith!
- MAP Testing begins this week. 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be completing their first MAP test on the afternoon of Thursday, Sept. 26. It is important that your child is present during this time. Students who are absent will be pulled from regular instruction time to complete a make-up test. Other testing times are the afternoon of Thursday, Oct. 10 and Monday, Oct. 14.

These are the spelling words that will be tested **Sept. 26**:

1. skill
2. crime
3. grind
4. tonight
5. brick
6. flight
7. live
8. chill
9. delight
10. build
11. ditch
12. decide
13. witness
14. wind
15. district
16. inch
17. sigh
18. fright
19. remind
20. splice
21. reason
22. pretend
23. member
24. believe
25. spinning
26. ticket
27. surprise
28. brighten

**Prayer:**

God of hope, as we strive to deepen our relationship with you, help each of us become involved in activities that lead us closer to you. Recognizing our uniqueness, may we learn to appreciate the people and practices that make our faith life more profound. May we have the wisdom and courage to nurture these relationships and value the true gift they are to us. May we feel the peace, happiness, and love you offer us, and may these be a source of strength and encouragement as we journey through life. Amen.



**SLE of the week:**

**A Spiritually Active Catholic who:**

- 1d. Engages in spirituality through prayer.