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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

February 23, 2024

Dear 4th Grade Families,

We hope this message finds you well and filled with excitement for the wonderful week we've had in our classrooms. Despite the shorter week, our students have been diving headfirst into a whirlwind of learning adventures, and the joy of discovery has been palpable. It's inspiring to witness the kids' unwavering dedication to their work, and the sheer delight they find in expanding their knowledge each day. We plan to carry this momentum in weeks to come.

God bless,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- **SECOND WEEK OF LENT ~ CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope
OVERCOMING HUNGER**
In Akwangagwel, Uganda, the climate is very hot and dry. Farmers in this region depend heavily on the rainy season for a successful harvest. But lately—due to the changing climate—the rain has been coming later than it used to and is more inconsistent. Sometimes, when it does rain, it causes flooding and ruins the crops. Learn how Adolf and Florence have taken the matter into their own hands, implementing new farming techniques they learned from a Catholic Relief Services program to improve their farm and fight against hunger in their community. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.
- Please join us on Thursday, March 7 at 5:30PM in the gym for our “Light My Path” Capital Campaign kickoff event! Wine and light refreshments will be served, and childcare will be provided for school-aged children (***please note that because middle school children will be staffing childcare, we are unable to accept children under 4 years of age***). RSVPs are required for this event. If you plan on attending, please click the link below.

[RSVP to Capital Campaign Kickoff](#)

- Mary Poppins, Jr. at CCS

Charlottesville Catholic School's production of Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's "Mary Poppins, Jr." will take place on Friday, March 1 and Saturday, March 2 at 6:30PM in the school gym. "Step in Time" and join us for this "Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious" "Jolly Holiday" with Mary Poppins, Bert, and the Banks family! Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased online at <https://events.cvillecatholic.org/mary-poppins-jr/>

Important Dates

- Tuesday, February 27, 2024- No Mass or Formal Dress
- Friday, March 1, 2024- Blue & Gold Day

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Social Studies

This week in SS, we learned about what life was like for Americans once the Revolutionary War was over. Students learned about the Articles of Confederation, the creation of the Constitution, and about George Washington as well.

Next week, we will continue this unit and learn about several other historical figures such as James Madison and Thomas Jefferson. Students will also be memorizing the Preamble of the Constitution for this chapter and reciting it from memory the week of March 4. I have put a copy of the Preamble on SS Google Classroom. Please reach out if you have any questions.

The test for this chapter is currently scheduled for Thursday, March 7.

Science

This week in Science, the kids have enjoyed learning about producers, different types of consumers, the niches animals have in their habitats, and about the food chains and food webs of various ecosystems.

We have officially finished the "Life Science" portion of our Science curriculum. Next week we will begin Ch. 7- "The Rock Cycle". We are excited to begin our studies of Earth Science, and will begin by making our own Sedimentary rocks next week!

The Test for Ch. 6 is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27th.

Math

This week in Math, we learned addition and subtraction strategies for mixed numbers using a bar model and the number line. We practiced these operations in multi-step word problems, and re-visited our 4 step plan when tackling word problems. The kids are adept at converting mixed numbers to improper fractions and vice versa. We took our Unit 10 Test today.

Next week, we will begin Unit 11- "Multiplying Fractions by Whole Numbers".

Our Unit 11 Test is scheduled for Thursday, March 7th.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, students dove back into poetry. Students learned about the Harlem Renaissance and prolific poets such as Langston Hughes. We also practiced writing our own poems!

Next week, students will begin a cross curricular research project in which they research a sub topic of the American Revolution.

Theology

This week in Theology we reflected on our journey through Lent. We reflected on and discussed the things we will be giving up to make more room for Jesus, and the things that we plan to add in to strengthen our relationships with God. We began Unit 3 Lesson 12 and our study of the Beatitudes. We will continue to learn about ways we respond to God's love next week. The kids worked hard to learn scenes 10 and 11 of the Passion Play in rehearsal today. *We look forward to our performance on Thursday, March 28th at 9:00 am.*

Our Unit 3 Lesson 12 Quiz is scheduled for Friday, March 1.