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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

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Dear 4th Grade Families,

We hope this newsletter finds you well and filled with the same excitement that has permeated our 4th grade classrooms this week. As we step into the vibrant season of spring, our students are buzzing with energy and enthusiasm for the beautiful weather, and all the fun events and learning opportunities in these last few months of school. From our upcoming trip to the Science museum, to the eagerly anticipated art show and book fair, and of course to our beloved grandparents/grandfriends day, there's no shortage of fun on the horizon. Despite all this fun, our goal is to continue to remain focused and keep learning until the very last day of school. Thank you for the unwavering support and dedication in your child's education journey. Together we will continue to nurture their growth and curiosity, ensuring that every moment in 4th grade is one to cherish.

God bless,
4th Grade Team

Announcements

- Save the Date! Our annual Grandparents and Great Friends Day will be held on Friday, May 10, 2024. Students in JK-5th are encouraged to invite their grandparents or another special visitor to join them at school that day. There will be 2 sessions for visits—JK through 2nd grade at 8:45AM (**check-in from 8:30AM-8:45AM**), and 3rd through 5th grades at 10:45AM (**check-in between 10:30AM and 10:45AM**). Those visiting multiple students are welcome to attend both sessions. [Please fill out this RSVP form](#) **no later than Friday, May 3** so that we can properly plan for the day.
- Mrs. Devlin needs help mounting, labeling and hanging student art for our annual All CCS Art Show. Prep work begins now and the show will be hung Saturday, May 4th and Sunday, May 5th, The Open House will take place after school Wednesday, May 8th. Food and Beverages will be needed. Please see the SignUp Genius linked here to sign up:

Important Dates

- Monday, April 29- Field Trip to Science Museum of Virginia

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Social Studies

This week in SS, students presented their Civil War timeline projects. Students were tasked with choosing what they believe to be the five most important events from the Civil War and defending their ideas. We used the Canva site to aid in the creation of the timelines. This was a very engaging activity that the students enjoyed!

We also began to study the Reconstruction era that took place after the Civil War. Next week, we will continue this unit. The test for this chapter is currently scheduled for Thursday, April 25.

Science

This week in Science we've continued Chapter 8-"Earth's Changing Surface." The kids enjoyed learning about volcanoes, earthquakes and the layers of the earth. We've been learning about fossils and the fossil record, and how that gives us a glimpse into the past in terms of the ways animals have evolved, and how specific areas have changed over time. Today we took our test over Ch. 8. Next week, we will begin Ch. 9 on the Water Cycle.

We are looking forward to our field trip on Monday, April 29th to the Science Museum of Virginia! Permission slips should be signed and returned no later than Monday, April 22nd. Our chaperones will be finalized and notified via email by April 26th.

Math

This week in Math we practiced word problems that incorporated our conversions of length, weight, and capacity in the metric and customary system, and learned how to calculate elapsed time. We also learned the formulas to find area and perimeter, and put these to use in word problems- finding the various missing dimensions of a given figure. We've enjoyed our lesson games correlating with topics in Unit 13 to help reinforce these skills.

Our Unit 13 Test is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

This week in LA, we began our new novel *Some Places More Than Others*. This is a beautiful story about family and identity. Along with this novel study, students are also continuing to write essays about a variety of topics.

Next week, students will continue this work.

Theology

This week in Theology the kids have been working on their conversion stories, and our Unit 3 test was a great success. The kids also had their second VIRTUS lesson of the year. This lesson is designed to give them the tools they need to protect themselves if a difficult or dangerous situation were to arise, and to better inform them about what to do when someone intrudes upon or violates their boundaries. Next week we will begin Unit 4 Lesson 16- "What is Prayer?"