



**Charlottesville
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Friday Newsletter

4th Grade

August 25, 2023

Dear 4th Grade Families,

Welcome to the 4th grade! We hope that your week was as wonderful as ours! This week was all about getting to know each other, establishing norms/routines, learning about growth mindset, and having fun! Please reach out to us if you have any questions. We are so excited for this year and that you and your family are a part of it! Have a wonderful weekend!

Announcements

- Please turn in completed Summer Reading assignments to Mr. Burgin by Friday September 1, 2023.
- First Reading Log/Timeline Activity due to Mr. Burgin on Friday, September 1, 2023.

Important Dates

- August 29, 2023- Mass (Formal Dress- Families Welcome!)
- August 31, 2023- Reading MAP Test (Please have your children be on time, well rested, and ready to do their best!)

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Social Studies

What a great first week we had in SS! Our main focus this week was to learn all about growth mindset. Students should be able to tell you a good amount of information regarding it at this point! We read stories, completed activities (including making an origami fox!), and spoke candidly about our growth mindset. If you have any questions regarding growth mindset, please reach out to me!

Math

This week in Math we started off with a “who has the number” game which helped us to learn more about the friends in our class! In conjunction with our emphasis on growth mindset the kids took a math attitude survey so I can better understand their affect towards Math. We began our unit with flexibility between strategies for addition. The kids enjoyed learning the partial sum strategy for mental math. We began and will be moving swiftly through Unit 2: Place Value Structure.

Language Arts/Reading/Writing

LA (Language Arts) got off to a great start this week! Along with completing growth mindset activities, students also started to write about a variety of different topics, and learned about how our 90 minutes of time in LA will work. We also started a short novel called *Tales of a 4th Grade Nothing* by Judy Blume.

Next week, students will be assigned a reading log for homework. This is a weekly assignment that is to be completed Monday-Thursday night and turned in on Friday. Students will receive this assignment every week. Please sign the back of the paper before Friday. Please reach out with any questions.

Theology

This week in Theology we were able to establish classroom norms and agreements together. We did a sticky-note style activity in which we communicated our needs to be successful this year, addressed the importance of school, the kids could communicate what kind of teacher they wanted, what they expected of their classmates, and what they look forward to learning this year. We began Unit 1 Lesson 1 and are studying the ways in which God reveals himself to us. The topic is well suited for this time of year as we come to reflect on ways in which we invite others to get to know ourselves.

Science

In Science this week we began with our yearly focus on growth mindset and the “Science” of our brain. We had our first science lab in which we measured various things with straws as an introduction to standard measure. We will continue moving through our “Getting Ready for Science” unit and come to better understand tools scientists use to “do” science and the ways in which scientists acquire and communicate data using the scientific method. We look forward to putting this into practice in the lab!