

GRADE 4 NEWS LETTER APRIL 22, 2018



Dear parents,
Here is the classroom news:

Mass: Our class is reading at Mass this week. Please join us on Tuesday, April 24th for our Mass at 8:15 if you are able.

Friday: I will be out of school on Friday to attend my daughter, Reina's, graduation from WMU. She will have a degree in Aviation Management and Operations and a minor in Business. There is a special "Wings" ceremony at the airport on Friday, followed by the all campus graduation on Saturday. These milestones come all too quickly--enjoy these elementary days!

Recess: Be sure your child has a jacket to wear on these unusually chilly days as sometimes it's below 50 degrees at the morning recess time. The kids can wear shorts again beginning May 1st.

Birthdays: We have quite a few summer birthdays. Since June will be hectic, please choose a date to celebrate sometime in May, and please send me a note when you decide.

Math: We have started Ch 9 on more fraction skills. I will post the quizzes and tests on the web page. Quite a few of the kids don't know their multiplication facts by heart, which I found disheartening! When a review test was given without access to the chart on their nametags, the scores plummeted. It's critical to fraction work to have the tables memorized. I didn't realize that so many were depending on the chart up to now. Try to give your child some x problems to answer orally when you're in the car or in other spare minutes, or use flashcards or games.

English: The next chapter is on verbs. This is a very lengthy chapter so we will have four separate assessments. Each student will be making a flip book to record the different types of verbs. I will let them use this for the tests. :)

Writing: The deadline for finishing the Stone Fox story books, including the cover will be this Friday, April 27th. I've been giving them class time to do this, but if they are working slowly, they might also need to take it home.

Spelling: This week's list is words with ough/augh/eigh spellings, if I remember correctly!

Reading: We will begin reading Charlotte's Web as a class, hopefully this week.

Social Studies: We are working on the Midwestern states. There will be a map test on location and capitals on next Monday, the 30th.

Religion: We are working on Chapter 15 which is on the 5th commandment, "Thou shall not kill." The children are learning that this commandment is more about respecting life than not killing. The test should be on Thursday. We are also doing a couple of LURES lessons which discuss personal safety.

The secret phrase is "LEARN THOSE x FACTS!"

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cooke