

Fourth Grade News

News and Notes

For October 4, 2019



- ✚ It was great to see so many of your wonderful pets at the St. Francis Animal Blessing. We had excellent readers, cantors and backup singers. The students and animals did well especially with all the excitement surrounding them. Among the pets from 4th grade were Moose, the excited Vizsla puppy, Sadie, the elegant Golden Retriever and Zoie, the fluffy Pomeranian. Shadow, the tuxedo cat, also braved the rain and came to get a blessing from Father Moore. Thank you for participating, and even bringing pictures of your pet, it was a fun and meaningful prayer service. See more pictures on our class Facebook page. My rescue Lab, Dodge, was not able to attend but I brought a picture of him for a blessing. See below.
- ✚ There were many excellent Book Talks this past week. The students generated a lot of enthusiasm for new books to read. Our next book report is Thursday, October 24th and will be a written report **done in class**. The layout is in an easy 4-Square format. As time gets closer, I will complete a sample for the class so they will know what to expect. Early next week, everyone should have their second book picked out so I can write down the titles.
- ✚ Please sign the Liability and Use of Image Release form for the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Group and return it in the Friday Folder on Monday. I need to give the slips to the instructors when they come into the classroom for the first time next week. Their group needs parent permission to use our class pictures on their web page and newsletter.
- ✚ Next Tuesday, a guest instructor will be coming from the Nooksack Salmon Enhancement Program. This program is a community-based nonprofit organization dedicated to restoring sustaining salmon runs in Whatcom County. Education is a big part of their mission to return salmon to the streams. Their program increases public awareness of the importance of clean water, healthy watersheds and a good salmon habitat for the community. This is a field-based Science program with two classroom visits, 3 different labs in the field and an afternoon of habitat restoration. Chaperones for our field trip on the 17th are Gary Blas, Fatima Peralta and Pete Lockhart. We will be leaving at 9:45.

Upcoming School Events

Tues., Oct. 8th – Science in the Garden

Wed., Oct., 9th – PTC Meeting
(6:45pm - 8:00pm)

Fri., Oct. 11th – No School
(Staff Development)

Wed., Oct. 16th – Early Release

Wed., Oct. 17th – Field Trip to Maritime Heritage Park (10am - 2pm)

October 22nd -25th - Holy Hoops Basketball Tournament

Thurs., Oct. 31st – Orange and Black Day and Spooky Movie Afternoon

Curriculum

Literacy- New chapter books, *Stone Fox*, *Whipping Boy*, *Hundred Dresses*, and *Read Well*, “Voice” in writing, assessment and Review in Spelling

Math- Multiplying using varying methods, Daily 5 math, fast facts and problem solving by looking for a pattern

Religion- Ten Commandment booklets, Saint Power Point Learning the Angelus and Prayer of Peace

Social Studies- Regions of the US, (The NE region)

Science- Water, Salmon Journals, investigative Science News, garden soils

Computer Science- IXL Math, RAZ KIDS, Science News, saint research, tech typing

PE- Grip transition from forehand to backhand.

Art- The fourth graders are making a day and night landscape based on warm and cool colors

Spanish- Day of the Dead activities.

Music- Composition of own unique rhythms and performing them on classroom percussion instruments.

Thought for the Week

“If you keep the Ten Commandments you will be free!”

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Literacy Tip

The single, most important activity for building the knowledge and skills eventually required for reading is to read aloud to children regularly and interactively.



