

# Fourth Grade News



## News and Notes For December 20, 2019

- ✚ Our school Christmas program was a wonderful event. I was proud of the fourth graders who are small in number but loud, proud, and enthusiastic in voice. They are quite proficient on percussion and rhythm instruments as well. A special “Thank You!” goes out to Mrs. Beshara, Mrs. Roland, Frederick Mabalot, Ms. Gottschalk and the entire 8<sup>th</sup> grade class for all their hard work to make the evening extra special.
- ✚ Thank you for all the birthday cards, flowers, coffee and treats. You made my 61st birthday extra special. Sometimes I feel every bit of my age and other times, not at all. My moto is *“Just keep Moving!”*
- ✚ After much practice, most of the children are understanding long division. Please have your child spends some time doing IXL Math (Division) over the break so they come back in January ready to begin Fractions. Be sure to encourage them to read every day as well.

### “In the Light of Hope”

By Pope Francis

“God of pure love, I celebrate and relish Christmas day in so many different ways. It is a day for families and children, a day for Santa and giving gifts. I love the music and the tree and the sentiments of the greeting cards. But none of these things, however good, address the most essential of all questions: *What does Your presence in the world mean to me, and how does it change me?* So I invite you to change me this Christmas, Jesus. Send your love into my life like the unconditional love bestowed in the embrace of a child.” Amen.

*Read John 1:12*

## Upcoming School Events

Monday, Dec. 23 to Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> –  
Christmas Break

Monday, January 6<sup>th</sup> –  
School resumes

Friday, January 10<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade  
Mass at 11:45

Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> – Martin  
Luther King Day, No School

January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 31<sup>st</sup> –  
Catholic Schools Week

## Curriculum

**Literacy:** 5-paragraph essay (Portrait of an Animal I Love),  
Consonant sound /j/, Action verbs, *Shiloh*

**Math:** Daily 5, Fast Facts, problem solving,  
Factors, multiples and patterns

**Religion:** Christmas, The Lord's prayer, Beatitudes,

**Social Studies:** State travel brochures, Lewis and Clark

**Science:** Weekly Science News, Biomes,  
Engineering design projects (adaptations to habitat)  
Science Design challenge - 1 Match Survival

**Computer Science:** IXL Math, RAZ Kids, Science News, tech  
typing, essays

**PE:** Christmas blessings. Make time to taste your food, play  
outside, and enjoy every breath of fresh air!

**Art:** German Scherenschnitte cut paper designs for Christmas.

**Spanish:** Christmas crafts that represent the holiday in Spanish  
speaking countries and write Christmas cards in Spanish.

**Music:** Talent show

## Thought for the Week

*What came to be through him  
was life, and this life was the  
light of the human race.*

*John 1:3-4*

## Literacy Tip

Read in the genre you love!

Read the first 90 pages or first 2  
chapters of a book before you give  
up on it.

Have a wonderful Christmas and bright, Happy New Year

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***"If you are what you are meant to be, you will set the whole world ablaze."***

St. Catherine of Sienna

