



"What day is it?" asked Pooh.  
"It's today." squeaked Piglet.  
"My favorite day." said Pooh.

# Fourth Grade News

September 16, 2022

## News and Notes

- ✚ Thank you to everyone who came for Curriculum Night. It was fun to visit with you and share how 4<sup>th</sup> grade operates. If you have any further questions for me, please send an email or we can set up a meeting. I am available Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday afternoons from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm.
- ✚ I appreciate the wonderful snacks and lunches being sent to school. Those healthy food choices help keep the children alert and focused in the afternoon. Next week we begin MAP testing on Tuesday. Please send extra snacks on all testing days which are Tuesday Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with Math and Reading next week. Yes, I do let the children chew gum during testing. It is proven to help with concentration and focus.
- ✚ We began our first chapter book, *My Father's Dragon*. This book is read as a whole group and has great depth in setting and vocabulary. The students will also be creating Wild Island Game boards to practice mapping skills, critical thinking, setting changes, plus art & design. They will type a set of rules to go along with their game and we will take turns playing each one. It is a fun way to wrap up this wonderful book. Four new chapter books on friends and family are up next for Literature
- ✚ Student groups finished their 3D mythical creatures today. They turned out well. The next activity for this project will be to create a story to go along with their creature.

## Upcoming School Events

**Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>** – MAP testing begins  
(Please send extra healthy snacks that day.  
There is no homework during testing weeks.)

**Wednesday, Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>** - Early Release  
At 11:45 am

**Tuesday, Sept. 27<sup>th</sup>** – Picture Day

**Fri., Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>** – Fourth grade Mass

**Tues., October 4<sup>th</sup>** – St. Francis Animal Blessing will be lead by the fourth graders.  
This Prayer Service begins at 8:00. Bring those wonderful, beloved pets to school.

## Curriculum

**Literacy** – *My Father's Dragon*, using commas in sentences, writing a short, organized narrative, long a sound, Book Talk on Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>.  
**Math** – Multiplication review, Daily 5 Math, fast facts and problem solving using an organized list.

**Religion** - The Trinity, Second Step (empathy)\ Mass and prayer service prep.

**Social Studies** – “Scholastic News” magazine. Globe lines, map grids

**Computer Science** - IXL Math, RAZ Kids, saint research, tech typing

**Music** - percussion instruments, tempo, and September song

**ART** – *Animals with Attitude*  
(Animal portraits adding a fun crayon technique to create some striking texture and dynamic patterns in the background.)

**Science**- Engineering design

## Thought for the Week

**“If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze.”**

Sr. Catherine of Sienna

Thanks for your support.

## Literacy Tip

When reading, there are question/answer relationships

**Right There**- The answer is right there in story.

**Think and Search** – You will get hints from the story, but you also need to add your own ideas.

**On Your Own**- Give your opinion and support it.

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*Your greatness is not what you have, it's what you give.*



