

Ms. Nielsen's 3rd and 4th Grade Newsletter

March 2019

Language Arts: (Reading, Spelling, Writer's Workshop)

- **Book Reports:** Students choose novels appropriate to interest & grade level and complete a Book Report Project (Due: March 14). Students will be given time in class to read and complete their projects
- **AR Reading Challenge #3** Students will continue to read twelve additional AR books at their reading level and take 12 AR tests (Chapter books count for more than one book-see Ms. Nielsen for approval) Students must earn an 80% grade or higher to include the book in the challenge. AR tests are taken in class only.
- **Starbucks Reward!** All students who complete the AR challenge will walk to Starbucks for a drink. Date to be determined.
- **Spelling:** study of phonemes, digraphs and blends (Test on Friday). Students will be given dictation sentences following each test. Emphasis will be placed on correct punctuation and application of spelling rules.
- **Writer's Workshop:** Free writes in class journals, written responses to "Student Novels", writing to narrative and expository prompts in class, religion, science and math. Written work will be included in book reports while studying story elements (setting, character, etc.)

Math: Grades 3 and 4 (Singapore Math)

- Addition & subtraction up to 10,000 (with and without regrouping) Grade 3,
- Using Bar Models: Addition and Subtraction (Grade 3)
- Whole number multiplication & division, tables & line graphs (Grade 4)
- Daily drill of addition and subtraction to 20, multiplication tables and division as the inverse of multiplication (Grades 3 and 4)
- Introducing probability and data (Grade 3 and 4)

All 4th grade students in class are fluent in multiplication and division facts to 12. Third grade must be fluent as well by spring break. Please practice facts at home.

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Religion: with Ms. Wolfe

- The Holy Spirit Guides Us to Live as Christians

Homework:

- M-Th, 30 minutes of reading, 2 to 3 days a week math or spelling worksheet, absent or incomplete work to be finished at home, practice of math facts



Library:

- Every other Friday 2:30-3PM. Bring your library card and return books on time



Art:

- Use of oil pastels, water colors and paint

Social Studies

Washington State History- Story Path: Early Northwest Coast People

Reminders:

- Please wear a coat or warm sweater/ sweatshirt each day/ raincoats as needed
- Pack a daily healthy snack and water bottle

- Eat a good breakfast and get plenty of sleep each night
- Return permission slips on time
- Check your child's planner and backpack each night for notes from school and homework
- Friday packet goes home each Friday with students
- Read to and with your child each week
- Limit screen time

What's Ahead?



Dates to Remember:

- Mar. 1: All School Mass
- Mar. 5-7: Accreditation Team Visit
- Mar. 6: Ash Wednesday Mass
- Mar. 8: End of 2nd Trimester
- Mar. 14: All School Mass
- Mar. 15: NO SCHOOL-teacher professional day
- Mar. 17: Spring Concert 2:00
- Mar. 21: ASB Spirit Day -wear green and ice cream sale
- Mar. 22: All School Mass
- Mar. 29: All School Mass
- Mar. 29: Early Registration Deadline