



GRADE 4 DECEMBER CURRICULUM LETTER

Gathered in the Spirit; Sent to Love and Serve



Language Arts:

In December, we will continue building our reading stamina and focus on creating fluency and a nice reader's voice. During our mini-lessons, we will be looking at different elements within a story such as: character traits, setting, problem and resolution.

In grade 4, students will be using the model *The Day the Crayons Quit* to create their own story *The Day the Crayons...* This focuses on developing specific character traits through writing along with letter writing skills. Students are very excited about this piece of writing and we're looking forward to seeing the creative crayon stories!

Religion

This month we will begin our new unit, **Unit 2: A New Beginning** Students will explore the many ways they can deepen their faith during the Advent and Christmas seasons. They will focus on the joyful mysteries of the Rosary and learn how reflection on these events can help them better understand how God has revealed Himself to us.

Math: This month we will continue working on our Multiplication unit. Students will look at different strategies to solve basic facts up to 9x9. We will then move in to solving 2- and 3- digit by 1-digit multiplication. Ask your child about Multiplication Flip, this is a great way to practice math facts and a fun little game to play at home! As well, keep checking our website as we will be adding some new Multiplication games students can play on their computer/tablet.

Social Studies: In Social Studies students will have the opportunity to research one of the six regions in Alberta. They will work with a small group to learn about their assigned region, and they will use this information to develop a slide show presentation. Lastly, students will present their slide show to the class. This is a wonderful chance for students to learn from each other. This project will take several weeks to complete.

Science :

Students will continue with their unit on Wheels and Levers. The focus this month will be on pulleys, students will explore fixed and movable pulleys in their everyday environment. Students will also have the opportunity build a pulley in order to strengthen their understanding of simple machines.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **Mustard Seed Placemat Making** – Friday, December, 8th 9am
- **Div II Christmas Concert** – Tuesday, December, 18th 7:15pm
- **Advent Mass** – Thursday, December 20th 10:30am
- **Last day of Classes** – Friday, December 21st
- **First Day Back After Christmas Holiday** -Monday, January 7th, 2019

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