

GRADE 4 FEBRUARY CURRICULUM LETTER

Gathered in the Spirit; Sent to Love and Serve



Language Arts

- **Reading:** We are continuing to work on building stamina each month and our goal is 30-35 minutes uninterrupted. During our Mini-Lessons students will be focusing on the concepts below
 - I can identify the main idea of my book
 - I can recognize how illustrations enhance the understanding of the text.
 - I can form an opinion based on what I've read and can respond to what I have read.
- **Writing:** During this month, students will continue their figurative language unit. They have currently explored alliteration and onomatopoeia and will now dive into simile, metaphors and personification. Students are really enjoying applying figurative language to their mini- assignments and are recognizing how figurative language helps to enhance their own writing and appeals to the senses.

Religion:

This month we will continue our **Unit 3: The Kingdom of God**, focusing on how we can experience the kingdom of God. Students will learn that the kingdom of God was foretold in the Old Testament and was fulfilled with the Incarnation of Jesus Christ. They will explore how Jesus is present in the Church: in the Word of God, in liturgy, in the community of believers, and in the sacraments, most especially in the Eucharist. They will learn about Jesus as teacher through a study of the parables used to help us understand God's kingdom.

Math: Students in grade 4 will continue working on different strategies to divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit. Towards the end of the month, students will begin their unit in "Measurement". Students will read and record time using digital and analog clocks, and record calendar dates in a variety of formats. Students will also estimate, determine and record area in square centimetres and metres. Please continue to regularly practice long division and multiplication at home to strengthen these skills.

Social Studies: –We will be starting our study of the history of Alberta and look at the reasons why people moved to Canada. It begins with stories about Alberta's First people and then moves through time. We will focus on First Nations and their way of life this month. We will then continue with the development of our province to the present day.

Science: This month grade 4's will explore the unit "Light and Shadows". Students will identify sources of light, describe the interaction of light with other materials, and infer the pathway of a light beam. By observing shadows and their motions relative to a light source, students discover that light and shadows fall along a predictable path. They will discover that mirrors, prisms and a variety of other materials can affect that path by reflecting and refracting light and by splitting light into colors.

****Accountability Pillar:** Accountability Pillar Surveys were mailed out to all Grade 4 families last month. Please consider taking the time to complete these surveys and send them back in to Alberta Learning. We use the information gathered from the surveys to enhance what is currently happening at Holy Spirit Academy. If you are unsure about some of the initiatives happening in the school, you can join us for our **Gr. 4 Parent Engagement evening on Tuesday, February 5th at 7pm** and complete a survey at the school. We will highlight special initiatives and highlight how we strive to support students. Surveys will be available in Tagalog and English for Grade 4 parents only. Your time and care in completing these surveys is appreciated and helps us enhance the work we are doing.

IMPORTANT DATES

World of Work Week @ HSA – Feb. 4th -8th

Grade 4 Parent Engagement Evening – Feb. 5th @ 7:00pm

Family Day, No School – Monday, February 18th

Faith Days, No School – Tues./Wed. February 19th-20th

Teacher's Convention, No School – February 21st-22nd

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