

GRADE 4 JANUARY CURRICULUM LETTER

Gathered in the Spirit; Sent to Love and Serve



Language Arts

- **Reading:** During the month of January, students will continue building reading stamina and developing fluency. During our mini-lessons, students will be looking at identifying the main characters and main ideas in their individual novels. They will also begin forming opinions about their books and sharing these opinions with their peers.
- **Writing:** During the month of January, students will begin their figurative language unit. We will focus on metaphors, alliteration, personification, onomatopoeia and similes. Students will have various mini assignments and activities that allow them to apply the figurative language skills they have used to enhance their own writing!

Religion:

This month we will wrap up our final lesson of unit 2 looking at how the birth of Jesus is a new beginning. We will then move into our new unit, **Unit 3: The Kingdom of God** is based in Ordinary Time and focuses 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: This month we move into our Division units.

Students in grade 4 will develop their understanding of division by exploring the relationship between division and multiplication by learning fact families. Students will then begin using different strategies to divide 2 digit numbers by 1 digit!

Please continue to practice basic facts using the various games on our **Grade 4 Webpage** to help students build their speed and accuracy in basic math facts. Division can be a bit more discouraging for some students so regular practice and review of multiplication/ division at home are a great way to support your child's learning ☺.

Social Studies:

In Social Studies students will finish their Google slide presentations that they have created using the research on their on of the six regions in Alberta. Student's will also present their completed slide show to the class. The grade 4 students are very excited about this assignment!

Science:

We have finished our Wheels and Levers unit. Our next unit is Building Devices and Vehicles that Move. The students will: construct a mechanical device for a designated purpose, using materials and design suggestions provided. The students will: explore and evaluate variations to the design of a mechanical device, demonstrating that control is an important element in the design and construction of that device.

IMPORTANT DATES

First Day/Happy New Year!– January 7th

Baptism of Our Lord Mass -January 9th @10:30am

Art Week @ H.S.A- January 21st-25th

No School/Teacher PD – January 31st

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