

GRADE 4 NOVEMBER CURRICULUM LETTER

Gathered in the Spirit; Sent to Love and Serve



Language Arts

We are off to a great start in Readers' Workshop and it is great to see the students' interests from the books they are choosing and the connections they are making. In November, we will continue developing important reading strategies and continue to build our stamina up to 25 minutes of uninterrupted reading.

In Writers' Workshop, we will continue focusing on strong word choice and painting a word picture for the readers. Students did a great job last month really focusing on the 5 senses when considering the important things about Halloween and will continue to focus on adding descriptive words in the revising stage to strengthen their piece. As well, students will begin to look at how varying sentence length creates nice rhythm and easy flow in writing. Grade 4 students will be creating a Remembrance Day piece where they will put themselves in the perspective of a person, object, symbol, etc of war and describe what it would be like: "If I Was a ... in War"

Religion

This month in religion, we will focus on looking at how we worship together as a community and the parts of the Mass. Students will focus on how Jesus is present in the liturgy of the Mass and explain how rituals help us recognize the presence of Christ.

Math

Students will continue to learn how to describe and construct right rectangular and right triangular prisms. They will also understand the meaning of congruency and identify if an object is congruent or not. Students will also be identifying and creating lines of symmetry on 2-D shapes.

Please continue playing the math games regularly at home to strengthen math skills. As well, students in grade 4 now all have access to prodigy. This is math website that focuses on grade level math skills. If you would like to try this at home please check out the link : www.prodigygame.com

Science

In Science this month, students will begin our Wheels and Levers unit. In this unit, students will learn to recognize the many uses of Wheels and Levers around them. They will learn how these simple machines make work easier. Students will be able to classify types of levers and create their own simple machine using Wheels and Rollers.

Social Studies

Students are learning about the rich fossil heritage in Alberta. They are creating a brochure to explain the importance of this heritage to the history of our province. We will then move on to the study of the six natural regions of Alberta.

IMPORTANT DATES

- All Saints Day Liturgy- November 1st
- Picture Retakes- November 2nd
- Remembrance Day Observance – November 9th
- Remembrance Day (Day in Lieu) No School – Nov. 12th
- Report Cards Go Home – November 23rd
- H.S.A Faith Days- November 26th- 29th
- Parent/ Teacher Interviews – November 29th (1-9:00pm)
- Day in Lieu, No School – November 30th

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