

GRADE 4 OCTOBER CURRICULUM LETTER

Gathered in the Spirit; Sent to Love and Serve



Language Arts

During the month of October, we will continue to implement Readers' Workshop. Students are continuing to build up their stamina in reading and identify books that are "Just Right" for them. Regular conferencing will also continue during Readers' Workshop in order for students practice their fluency skills and share their understanding of texts. In October, we will focus on developing important reading strategies such as predicting, inferencing and making connections to what they are reading. Students will continue completing traditional reading comprehension in order to practice their skills of identifying key information and thinking about what they read.

In writing, we will continue Writers' Workshop. We have been introducing quick writes to build stamina and this will continue in October. Last month we really focused on the writing process (pre-write, draft, revise, edit, publish) and students created a beautiful piece called "Depending On When You Met Me". This month we are going to continue looking at the writing process with a focus on using descriptive words. We will be using the modelled text The Important Thing About.. and creating Halloween pieces!

Religion

. In this unit, students will learn that we have been called to be one as members of the Body of Christ. They will explore how God's plan for our salvation is revealed through the Sacred Scriptures. They will learn that, as Catholics, we express our faith in a common Creed. Students will explore the Bible and how it can be used as a source of faith. They will begin to understand that our relationship with God is nurtured through the sacraments, liturgy, and prayer. They will learn that God has created a world for us and that, as His people, we are called to good stewardship of its many resources. Try out the following user-friendly website **Student/Home Website** (<http://www.pearsoncanada.ca/school/growinginfaith/student-home/>) user name: redeemer99 / password: Student99

Math: This month we will wrap up our unit on Whole

numbers and will move into their unit in Geometry. During this unit, students will 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. Thank you so much for all of your support in playing the math games at home. Students seem to be really enjoying them and it is a great way to strengthen those math skills and build speed and accuracy.

Science

In Science this month, we will finish the topic of "Waste and our World". Throughout this unit, students have learned that human activity can lead to the production of wastes. We have brainstormed alternatives for the responsible use and disposal of materials. Students have a live composting bin actively working in the classroom. "Red-wiggler" worms are busy composting left over lunch scraps. Students have been identifying kinds of wastes that may be toxic to people and to the environment. Students have looked at product packaging and its impact on the environment. Students are creating a brochure to use the 3-R's: REDUCE, REUSE, and RECYCLE. Our Good Works Project of recycling paper and cardboard in the school is well under way. Thanks to the parents who have signed up to help us out with this project.

Social Studies

This month students will continue to explore the regions of Alberta, with a focus on geography. Following students will learn about Paleontology; using fossil they will study different lifeforms that existed in the past. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in a hands on activity where they pretend they are paleontologists and extract chocolate chips (fossils) from a cookie (sediment).

IMPORTANT DATES

October 1st-5th –Food Bank Drive Continues

October 2nd – School Photos Grade 4

October 5th – Thanksgiving Mass

October 8th – Happy Thanksgiving, **No School**

October 9th – PD Day for teachers, **No School**

October 15th – Concert at H.S.A **9:30-11**

October 31st- Halloween- more details to come

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