



OLPH Grade 4 Newsletter - October 2010

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Great things are happening in Grade 4! Read on to see:

*What students will be learning this month * Teacher Notes & Tips * Upcoming Events

Curriculum Update

Reading: Unit 1: Risks and Consequences

*The King's Fountain—Sequence

*Mae Jamison: Space Scientist—Main Idea and Details

*Two Tickets to Freedom—Drawing Conclusions

*The Girl Who Loved the Wind—Drawing Conclusions

Writing/Grammar: Unit 8: Personal Narratives

*The Writing Process and Writing in the 1st Person
Unit 2: Nouns—Common and Proper, Singular and Plural, Singular & Plural Possessives

Math: Ch. 2: Addition and Subtraction Concepts

*Properties, Strategies, Concepts, Sentences, Mental Math, Estimating, Money, Problem Solving, Vocabulary

Ch. 3: Addition & Subtraction

*Regrouping, 4-digit Addition & Subtraction, Zeroes in Subtraction, Problem Solving

Earth Science: Ch. 7: Hurricanes and Tornadoes

*Severe weather phenomena and related safety concerns, Tracking weather patterns

Ch. 8: Minerals and Rocks

*Properties of earth minerals, Stages of the rock cycle, Sedimentary, Igneous, and Metamorphic Rocks

Social Studies: Ch. 2: Californians & their Environment

*California's Resources and the Role of Citizens in Protecting the Environment

Ch. 3: Native Americans of California

*The first Californians & their life in the Pacific Coast, Desert, and Central Valley Regions

Religion: Ch. 4: Our Conscience, Our Guide

*God gives us the gift of Conscience—we're responsible for forming & checking our choices

Ch. 5: Celebrating Penance and Reconciliation

*We receive God's forgiveness and love in the sacrament of Reconciliation

Ch. 6: The Liturgical Year

*Throughout the Liturgical Year we celebrate Jesus Christ

*Advent, Christmas, Ordinary Time, Lent, Triduum, Easter, and Ordinary Time (again)

Teacher Notes & tips

*Thank you for welcoming me as your child's teacher ☺

*Also, many thanks to the new Grade 4 Room Parents: Mrs. Bravo, Mrs. Emmett, and Mrs. Otero;

*Newsletters will start coming home monthly;

*Please check your child's Assignment Book daily;

*Graded tests are sent home every Wednesday—Please sign and return them the next day;

*Ask your child what we did in class;

*Encourage daily reading (10-15 pages) at home, and listen to your child read one page out loud;

*Encourage your child to practice basic Math Facts daily—Multiplication, Addition, & Subtraction;

*We have an upcoming field trip in November—If you are planning to drive, please make sure you have updated your Insurance information, you've been Fingerprinted, and that you have completed the Safe Environment Training required by the Diocese.

Upcoming Events

10/1: Minimum Day; Cheesecake orders due

10/4-8: ITBS testing, continued

10/6: Grade 4 Liturgy/Mass

10/24: OLPH Halloween Carnival

10/25: No school—Carnival Clean up

10/29: No school—Teacher In-service

11/5: Minimum Day

11/9: Grade 4 Field Trip to the McCallum Theatre—approximately 5 drivers/chaperones needed

Many thanks for all your support!

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