



## What is happening in the Classroom....

I hope that everyone had a great Halloween weekend! It is hard to believe how quickly our weather changed from 70's a few weeks ago to snow this past week! CRAZY!

We had a low-key Halloween party on Friday, but at least we were able to celebrate!

Our classroom has set a goal of gathering at \$100 or \$150 (we couldn't decide) for the food drive. Please send in donations beginning today through November 20<sup>th</sup>. We can certainly meet and exceed this goal if we put our minds to it.

Our fourth graders have been doing a great job saying our morning announcements. They say the Our Father, the Pledge of Allegiance, and the Assumption mission statement. I cannot tell you how proud I am of them. I am hoping to add the end of the day prayer too.

Our next book report for quarter two will be a sandwich report. I have a format to follow along with a rubric, so you know how it will be graded. I will be going over this report next week. I would like them to pick a book (please no graphic novels) with at least 120 pages. A fiction book works best for this report. I would like book titles by November 20<sup>th</sup>. This book report will be due on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

I would like to invite all of the parents to the PTG meeting on Thursday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. The meeting starts at 6:30 in the church. You will receive an hour of volunteer time for joining us! I hope to see you there!

Report cards will be issued on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Check [www.edge2day.com](http://www.edge2day.com) for your child's report card. IF you have any problems please contact the office for assistance. Next week Edge2day.com will be down due to the teachers finishing up report cards.



## Onto Business.....

**Religion:** We are beginning our study of Chapter 5, We are Called to follow Jesus. We look at the forgiving love, and we take an in depth look at the prayer the Our Father. Our test on this chapter will be next week sometime.

**Math:** This chapter is quickly coming to an end. This week we will focus on story problems with logical reasoning. We will continue to make charts and pictures to help us solve these problems. We will review the chapter on Wednesday and our test will be on Thursday. Next week we will continue our work with addition and subtraction, but at a harder level.

**Science:** Our study of gymnosperms and angiosperms continues this week. We will take a look at describing angiosperms, the structure and function of flowers, seed development in angiosperms, and finish the week with the life cycle of angiosperms.

**Reading:** This past week we found out that Chester chirps a perfect middle "c." Mr. Smedley makes a prediction for what may come. Ask your kids what the prediction may be. We also met Sai Fong last week. How does he play a role in this wonderful tale of a musical cricket? Chester finds himself in a bit of trouble with Mama Bellini. What did Chester do and how did his friends help him out?

Social Studies: Students finished up Chapter 1 last week and did a great job on their tests! They will be going home for you to view on Monday. This week we will begin Chapter 2-We All Live Together. Students will learn how hundreds of years ago, before the founding of our country, people from other lands made their way to North America. We will compare and contrast the backgrounds of the Native Americans, Spanish, and French cultural groups to gain a deeper understanding of how the motto "E PLURIBUS UNUM" describes the people of the United States.

Language: This week we will begin Unit 4 in Vocabulary and Spelling and our test will be at the end of the week on Friday. Hard to believe how fast time is going by with term one closing at the end of this week!!! In writing, students will explore the features of what makes a good Personal Narrative and begin the process of writing their own using a Sequence Chart to help them organize their thoughts and ideas in a Prewrite about a personal experience they would like to share.



## Our Calendar....

November 2<sup>nd</sup>: All Soul's Day

November 5<sup>th</sup>: PTG Meeting

November 6<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 1 ends today. Please make sure all late work is turned in by today.

November 9<sup>th</sup>: Quarter 2 begins today.

November 11<sup>th</sup>: No School Veteran's Day

November 13<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards available on Edge2day.com

November 23<sup>rd</sup>: ½ day (noon dismissal) Parent Teacher conferences

November 24<sup>th</sup>: ½ day (noon dismissal) Parent Teacher conferences

November 25<sup>th</sup>-November 30<sup>th</sup>: Thanksgiving Break! Enjoy time with family

Have a great week!!!

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5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math: I am looking forward to quarter two with an introduction to more complex multiplication and moving right on to triple digit multiplication and zeroes in the multiplier by the end of the week. We will have a quiz on what we have learned up to now in this chapter on Friday. Continue to work on multiplication facts as we will continue to have a quiz once a week.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science: This week we will take our final test on the Solar System. The study guide was completed last Thursday and sent home that day for you to study until our test tomorrow. On Wednesday we begin our next unit on elements and the periodic chart. We will have a project during this unit and I will pass that out in a week or so.