

# Mrs. Sheehan's Classroom News

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

### June 4-8

#### IB Theme: Thinker

## This Week's Learning

### Fourth Grade ELA

**Spelling:** The children took their final spelling test Friday. They will have another to test this next week to evaluate their progress but they will have no spelling homework.

**Reading:** We have finished our Author Study and are now in the process of watching the movies based on these books. It so great to hear the comparisons made by the children on the differences and similarities they notice between the two. Our last unit of study is on Tall Tales. We will be learning about the characteristics of a tall tale and then finding those characteristics in several tall tales we will be reading.

**Writing.** Students are finishing up their fictional narratives and are typing their final drafts. Students must be finished by Wednesday, June 6th.

### Religion

Chapter 15 is titled "The Church Guides". In this chapter we will be looking at how to make good moral choices, the precepts of the church, our conscience and how we form our conscience.

**Please send in  
food for the Food  
Drive**

Dear Parents,

I hope that the children have begun reading books from their summer reading list. We are continuing to have book talks in class. Many children have asked for help in locating books for their nonfiction "Become an Expert" projects. I have loved seeing the many projects that (while just maybe the title page) have been shared with me already!

Valerie Sheehan

## IB unit of Study

**Central Idea:** *Animals and the places they live are not constant.*

In this unit students will develop an appreciation for how animals and the places they live (their habitats) are not constant—they have changed over time. Fossils give us a window to the animals and habitats of the past. Selective breeding shows us not only how some animals of the past became domesticated, but allows us to imagine how they might look in the future.

## Up Coming Events:

5/29-6/10

Food Drive

6/7

KCIS children's librarian visit

6/14

PYP picnic/Noon Dismissal

6/15

Last Day of school 10:30 dismissal