The 4th Grade Newsletter: September 15th Edition

Upcoming Events and Important Dates

9/17: St. Luke Community Picnic and Maui Support

9/18-9/20 MAP Testing

9/19: COVID and Flu Vaccine Clinic. You can sign up for both or just one of the

vaccines here and fill out the consent form here.

9/19: PYP Curriculum night at 6:30 pm

9/29: Non-Uniform Day

10/6: Field Trip to MOHAI (More information out soon.)



In religion class, we've been exploring 3 different types of prayers and praising God for all His creations. We've discussed the importance of prayer in class. Please encourage your child to share what they've learned about how these values apply to their daily lives. Next week we will be writing our own Psalms and talking more about the gift of God's creation.

Math

In math class, we've been diving into what Math is and recognizing our strengths in Math. Our goal is to strengthen problem-solving skills and deepen our understanding of mathematical concepts. Don't forget to practice math facts at home! Next week we will be covering Place Value Structure.

Reading

Our readers have been exploring historical fiction and discovering information and facts about historical fiction. Your child can share facts they learned during this lesson. Next week we will be diving into *Number the Stars* as our first class read-aloud novel. Due to the MAP testing schedule, students will not have a spelling list next week.

Writing

In writing class, we've been focusing on honing our writing skills. Students have been working on reviewing grammar foundations to help improve our writing skills. We will continue to review grammar next week and start into our writing unit the following week due to the MAP testing schedule.

IB Transdisciplinary Unit

Our current IB Transdisciplinary Unit is How we organize ourselves. This unit encourages students to think critically about how the government is organized and how we as citizens are a part of the greater system. We're exploring the central idea of: Governments can promote or deny equal opportunities and social justice. Throughout this unit, students will engage in hands-on activities, discussions, and projects that promote collaboration and inquiry-based learning. Next week we will be covering how Washington became a state and the documents, such as treaties, impacted the development of the state.





Second Step

In Second Step, we've been focusing on developing class goals. Students have been worked in groups to determine appropriate class goals and then voted on class goals. Next week we will be making a plan to implement our goal as a class and setting measurements to accomplish it. At home you can ask your child to describe their class goal and explain what makes it challenging and doable for their class. Tell your child about a goal you recently set and what makes it challenging and doable for you.

Reminders

- On Wednesday's, please wear the dress uniform for Mass.
- MAP testing will start Monday, please make sure your child has plenty of rest and a breakfast to sustain their brain power!
- PYP academic night is this coming Tuesday at 6:30. This is a child free event.
- If you can not access Toddle, please send us an email to receive the family invite code.

IB Attribute of the Month

During the month of September, we are focusing on all of the IB attributes! We aim to be inquirers, knowledgeable, thinkers, communicators, principled, open-minded, caring, risk-takers, balanced, and reflective. Please have a conversation with your child about the attribute they believe they displayed with excellence this week and which attribute they wish to improve on next week.