

Fourth Grade News

April 2021

Dear Parents and Families:

Well, the year is moving right along! Here we are in April already! The sun is shining, the birds are singing, and soon we'll be swatting mosquitoes and mowing the lawn. Good times!

We will be administering the NWEA and STAR tests during this month. These tests provide us with valuable information in order to identify areas of need with the students. In short, they let us know the academic areas that we need to focus on in order to ensure mastery. Remember to get plenty of sleep and a good breakfast on the morning of these important tests.

In our Language Arts curriculum, we've been spending more time implementing the writing strategies that we've been working toward for the last two years. Communicating through the written word will be an important skill to hone, a skill that will serve anyone well for a lifetime.

We're really moving along with our Math as well. Some of the more advanced concepts can be confusing for fourth graders, so anything you can do at home to help your child understand "everyday math" would help greatly. For instance, it's funny how a kid will suddenly understand fractions when comparing it to sharing a pizza!

Our Religion studies have, of course, been quite interesting and thought-provoking, and will continue to be at the center of our daily education routines. This is a wonderful time of year to reflect on our blessings as Children of God!

Don't forget, the **Sacred Heart Marathon** is a virtual event this year, one that allows families to participate all month long. Don't forget to get out, get some pledges, and get some fresh air exercise with your families! Also, **Easter Break** will be from April 1-5. Enjoy that time with your family!

All the Best,

Mr. Chris Dahle

P.S.: Take some time to get outside and witness the new life that comes with Spring. Look for the buds on the trees, the birds foraging for food, and the fresh sprouts of grass in the yard. Plant a garden!

