

4th Grade May Newsletter

Focus SLE of the Month: Who can serve others without expecting something in return.



A Mother's Prayer



Give me patience
when little hands tug at me
with ceaseless small demand.
Give me gentle words and smiling eyes,
and keep my lips
from hasty sharp replies.
Let me not in weariness confusion or noise,
obscure my vision
from fleeting joys.
That when in years to come my house is still
beautiful memories its rooms may fill.

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Dear Fourth Grade Parents and Families,

We are in our second to last month of school. The scholastic school year's end is quickly coming to a close. Thank you to all of our fourth grade parents who worked so tirelessly at the School Carnival to help make the biggest fundraiser of the year a success. Congratulations to Alex Cordova for winning the April virtue of the month for the virtue of Integrity. The May virtue of the month is Generosity.

Our fourth grade class has almost completed the study of our Blest Are We religion books. We are currently reviewing Feasts and Seasons and Saints. That is what we will cover for the month of May for religion.

For Math, we are starting chapter 12 on Operations with Decimals. We will learn how to round decimals, estimate sums and differences of decimals, model addition and subtraction of decimals, add and subtract decimals, multiply and divide decimals, and complete word problems involving decimals.

We are actually a little behind in Science due to the school carnival preparations, the learning of our dance routines, and the need to review some basic science concepts presented in the previous chapters. In April, we just started the unit on Earth Science, Unit C. We will study how to measure weather this month. We will ask questions such as how does sunlight affect air temperature? How does temperature affect air movement? What causes clouds and precipitation? And how do meteorologists predict weather?

For English, we are just beginning Unit 6 on Pronouns. We will learn what is a pronoun, subject pronouns, object pronouns, using I and me, possessive pronouns, contractions with pronouns, and pronouns and homophones.

In April, we completed the book Number the Stars by Lois Lowry and we began Unit 4 in our Scott Foresman Reading Textbooks about Timeless Stories. This unit asks the question, how do stories from the past help us live in the present? Thus far, we read Half Chicken by Alma Flor Ada, Blame It on the Wolf by Douglas Love, and we will read Lou Gehrig by David Adler and The Baseball Hall of Fame by Terry Janson Dunnahoo, The Disguise by Anne E. Neuberger, Keepers by Jeri Hanel Watts, and Family Memories and Keepsakes by Arlene Erlbach. We will conclude with a Unit 4 Test.

For Social Studies, we are moving onto Unit 5, Modern California, and to Chapter 10, Building a Better California. In this chapter, we will cover Growth of Industry, the LA Aqueduct, Progress for People, The Great Earthquake of San Francisco, and New Challenges before taking the Chapter 10 Test. Then we will move onto Chapter 11, World War II and Beyond, where we will study about California during the war, new uses of science and technology, and new ways of living.

For music and art, we will continue learning our Blue Belt song, When the Saints Go Marching In before moving onto our next song. For art, we will learn how to figure sketch, and we will work on a special surprise for the mothers in our class for Mother's Day. The artist of the month for May is Claude Monet. This month, your children will make artist of the month posters instead of writing 2 page research papers.

Thank you parents for all you have done for our class and school and for your children all throughout the year. We could not have made it this far without your help. I look forward to ending the year in June on a high note.

Sincerely,

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May Calendar

- May 1 – Ipad raffle starts
- May 2 – Mother's Day form sent home
- May 3 – National Teacher's Day
- May 4 – Legoland Permission Slips go out \$60 each
- May 6 – Kinder graduation
- May 8 – Mother's Day
- May 9 – Return Mother's Day RSVP, Student Council campaigning starts
- May 10 – Field trip HSP Grammy Museum
- May 11 – 8th grade graduation payment due \$80, School families
- May 12 – Catapult Parent Workshop @ 7pm
- May 13 – Mother's Day Breakfast (reservations required 8:30-10:30am)
Necklace raffle
- May 16 – 2016-2017 Registration Due \$150 (late \$175)
- May 18 – Service Hours Due 30 Hours/\$300, Spelling Bee, part I
- May 19 – Spelling Bee: Finals
- May 20 – May Crowning (8th) Time TBA, King and Queen Pics
- May 23 – STAR Testing #4 (May 23- June 10)
- May 24 – Student council speeches, Lower grades Field trip
- May 26 – Ms. Fernando Bday, Student Council Elections
- May 27 – Gear Day! Legoland Field Trip
- May 29 – First communion @ 11:30am (Mr. Gomez)
- May 30 – No school, Memorial Day
- May 31 – Progress Reports go home for 8th grade

June 1 – Career Day (8:45am – 10am)

June 2 – Sports Banquet

June 3 – 8th and kinder Knotts Trip