



Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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Events and Home- work Due Dates for *the next school week:*

Monday:

Signed Planners

Reading Logs

Spelling points due

Help for the Holidays
gifts due

Family Feast 12-2pm

Tuesday:

Unit 1 S.S. Test

*Help for the Holidays
Gift Wrapping!*

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

Thursday:

Buddy Christmas Time
2:15pm

Friday:

Memory Quiz

Spelling Test 12

Christmas Party 12:30

Wear your P.J.'s!

Chapel 2:15pm

That's it! ;)

Blessings of the Season

This week, being the second week of Advent, has brought us on a journey of preparation. We lit the candle of peace. We discussed ways that God gives us peace—through prayer, giving, praising God, and using our talents for Him. We also spent more time working on our Christmas Program. We had time to sing and praise God in this time of great joy! We hope the program is pleasing to Him and speaks the message to many needful ears. Halleluiah, He is born!

We have also started reading *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens. What interesting language he uses! Although it is a familiar story, hearing the original version is always a treat! We also have been analyzing

the changes Scrooge's character goes through. We have also been discussing our reading habits and set new goals for the 2nd trimester.

We spent this week in the computer lab, and finished typing our recipes, and just in time for our feast on Monday! We will have a published recipe book for everyone to keep. It was nice to practice our typing and computer skills with a great end-in-mind! We also made a new writing goal based on our progress with the 6 traits of writing so far.

We set a new math goal last week after we had our first division mad minute! This week, we all made a lot of progress in our multiplication mad minute! We are soaring! Unit 4 has been a

lot of fun. We have been learning more about decimal place value, and how to work with these numbers. We even went all the way to the thousandths place!

We also set a new learning habit goal. Based on the 7 habits, these goals help us to strive to be great students, good citizens, and even helpful Christians.

We began learning about clouds this week, and will continue with some cloud projects next week!

We finished our first unit in Social Studies— Natives and the first white explorers. We reviewed this week by creating a study guide. This went home Thursday! We will review more next week with a game. Our test is next Tuesday.

Christmas Party Details:

When: Friday, Dec. 16,
12:30-2 pm

Where: 4th grade class-
room & After School Area

What: Christmas games,
crafts & treats!

We will be watching A Muppet Christmas Carol earlier that day, and will need to be cozy.

Therefore, we are making it a **PAJAMA DAY!!** So, don't forget your pajamas, real shoes if you bring

slippers, and of course, *your Christmas spirit!!!*

P.S. Be on the lookout for an email with ways you can help out.

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"classroom connections" for
4th grade!

[Mary] will give birth to a son, and
you are to give him the name

Jesus

because he will save the world
from their sins.

-Matthew 1:21

A Drop in the Bucket

This week, we were **Thinking Win-Win**, by encouraging one another. Part of **Habit 4** is having a positive attitude. We think "What would Jesus do?" and "How can we all win?"

We took a survey to see how often we really have this positive attitude. We realized we all have "buckets" that are full when we feel good, but can get emptied really fast when we are hurt, sad, or mad.

So, we kept track of "drops" in the bucket (positive interactions) and "scoops" from our buckets (negative interactions). We strived to have more drops than scoops to each other's buckets.

Have you added a drop to someone's bucket today?

