



# Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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## Forest Hills Lutheran School

### Events and Home- work Due Dates for next week:

#### Monday:

Signed planners

Reading logs

Spelling points due

*Halloween Celebration*  
1:15 pm

#### Wednesday:

Buddy Chapel 8:20 am

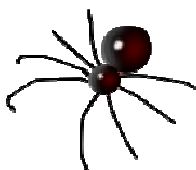
#### Friday:

Spelling Test 7

Memory Quiz

*Leader In Me Assem-  
bly- Habit 2! 8:20am*  
(We're presenting with  
our buddies!)

Please check your  
child's planner *daily*  
and sign it weekly to  
see the assignments  
they need to be do-  
ing at home, and if  
they are missing any  
work.



## Pumpkin Prose

We started new short stories this week! About...you guessed it...PUMPKINS!!! We used a graphic organizer to plan our stories, and to make sure we stay on topic. We also have been learning to techniques to engage the reader. First, we learned how to use dialogue, while keeping a balance of narra- tion. We used indentation, quotation marks, punctua- tion and interesting words for said! We also learned how to use setting as an en- gaging beginning.

This week we started keeping track of our daily weather. We have recorded data about tem- perature, wind, rain, conditions, and air pressure. We have been practicing making predictions about the weather based on what we observe. We have some wonderful meteorologists in this

class! We also started learning about the water cycle, and how that can affect what weather we see. This week, the water cycle was kind to us, and we had a lot of sunshine!

Our Social Studies have led us to start a project all about Northwest Natives. We are digging deep into how they lived and creating our own mini-books about them. What a fun way to organize new information, and share it with a friend!

We started our new Math unit this week: Unit 3! We examined the multiplication/division table, and learned how to use it as a tool. A small version was sent home Monday for at-home us- age. We also created special fact family flashcards. These came home on Tuesday! We also learned a ton of new games for practicing our fact families. Ask your child about Baseball Multi- plication or Beat the Calculator! And yes, you can play these at

home. =>

We finished responding to our book of the month, Miss Alaineus: Vocabulary Disaster. We imitated the illustration style, while defining words! We used a combination of media and collage. We also read some Hal- loween and pumpkin stories to get inspired in our writing, and to respond to literature. We also met one-on-one to discuss our Reading Habits. These include picking just right books, stam- ina, responding, keeping records and focus.

We continued our journey with Abraham and Lot. Abraham learned that he could really trust God. God answered his prayers and kept His promises. Abraham showed his trust in God, even when asked to sacri- fice his son Isaac. This story reminds us that we need to trust God, even when it's hard. God has a plan for us, and he will care for us always. Yay!!!

## Celebrate Good Times!

**Monday, Oct. 31st, we will have our 4th grade Halloween Extravaganza!** We will be having a blast. Come help or just to en- joy the fun with us!

### Here's the schedule:

1:00- Set-up/ Change into costumes

1:15- 4th Grade PARTY!!!

2:15- Buddy Trick-or- Treating!

2:30- All-School Parade in the gym

**Interesting in lending a hand?** Ask Bridget Smith or Sheila Hill how you can help out.

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"classroom connections" for  
4th grade!

Thank you for being such supportive  
and wonderful parents and families.  
You have truly helped to shape some  
beautiful minds and important char-  
acters in God's kingdom!

Train a child in the way he should  
go, and when he is old he will not  
turn from it.

Proverbs 22:6

## Highlighting the Habits

This week we finished talking about **Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind**, and dug deeper into **Habit 3: Put First Things First**. The first three habits are the "trunk" of the tree. We want to master those before tackling our interpersonal habits (Habits 4-6). Here are our first 3 habits in a little more depth:

### **Begin With The End in Mind:**

I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom and contribute to our mission. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

### **Put First Things First:**

I spend my time on things that are most important. This means I say no to things I know I should not do. I set priorities, make a schedule and follow my plan. I am disciplined and organized.

