



# Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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## Forest Hills Lutheran School

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

#### Monday:

Planners  
Reading logs

#### Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

#### Thursday:

Math worksheet due  
Spelling Pretest 2

#### Friday:

Memory Quiz  
Spelling Test 2  
Spelling Points due

**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.**

## Rad Respiration!

This week we plunged into our new science unit– The Body's Delivery System! We started by experimenting with our respiratory system; the lungs. We examined inhalation and exhalation, breathing rates, and the parts of the system. We are off to a great start, using the scientific process to learn about how our body delivers important materials to each system.

We continue to study our book of the month, Dinner at Aunt Connie's. We are practicing cause and effect, as a reading comprehension strategy. We are applying it to our everyday reading and writing. How the People Became Colorblind is an African Folktale that also helped us practice our new skill. We are also setting new goals for our independent reading. Since our book of the month is about famous African

Americans, we also watched Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech! We each received a copy to reread or share with our friends and family. What an inspiring man!

We have been busy learning new standards and strategies for expository writing– to explain or inform. We will be using this method for a few upcoming reports and essays. We learned about how to plan and organize, and even how to apply creative craft to make it more interesting! This is a skill that will transfer to middle school, high school and even college!

Math has led us through many strategies for multiplying large numbers– partial products, lattice, and even the old algorithm we learned in the old days! We have learned

many ways, so that we can choose the one that makes most sense to our individual needs. It is also good to have more than one method, for checking your work! We will probably be finishing up our unit next week, with a test early the following week. Our division mad minute scores are back on the rise. Way to practice!!!

We are still working on our story quilt of Joseph's life, using art as our medium. We also started learning about Moses and his early life. We discussed ways that God can help us in our lives, just like he helped Moses. We love to hear about how God has plans for each of us, and that his promises always come through!

## Report Cards!

Your child's report card was sent home in the green folder today!

Please make sure you look over this progress report with your child. Read the notes attached,

as well.

It is always a good plan to celebrate our accomplishments, and set new goals for a new quarter.

I do want to say that this class has been a

blessing to me and this school. They are full of creativity, cooperation and loving hearts.

Please let me know if you have any questions or comments.

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Let freedom ring!

Thank God almighty, we are free at  
last!

-Martin Luther King, Jr.



## Celebrating the Arts!



What a great day for music!

Wednesday the students were able to share their gifts and talents in music class. They brought in instruments, played the piano, and some even sang! It was a joy to see so many kids participating— by performing and by being a great and respectful audience. It was nice to see some adult faces there, too. The kids always feel special when they have a “real” audience. We owe a special thank you to Mrs. Cedergreen for providing this wonderful opportunity!

What a great day for clay!

Friday the kids were able to visit the art space again to glaze their clay pots. This time Mrs. Buuck was their teacher, along with parent volunteers. What a great school we have— the kids get to experience all of these art forms from new and different faces!