



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:

Signed Planners

Reading Logs

*Ch. 12(KPTV) Meteor-
ologist Visit 1pm*

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20am

Thursday:

Spelling Pretest

Friday:

Spelling Test

Spelling Points

*Christmas Program
7pm (meet in class-
rooms 6:30-6:45pm)*

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

Blessings of the Season

We are so blessed to be able to share the story of Christmas at school. We get to read stories about and inspired by Jesus' birth. We also get to sing, make art and write about the son that was sent for all of us on Christmas day. What a blessing! We have been busy preparing for our Christmas Program— singing, acting, speaking, and just enjoying the message of Jesus! Check out details for this event below.

Our Bible studies have taken us further into Joseph's (son of Jacob) life. Wow! He had so many tough times, but he never lost faith in God. He always trusted Him and shined His light. The word CARING is all the buzz with the 4th grade! We have been listening to what God says about caring for others, and putting that care into action. Check out the "Good Deeds" bulletin board in our hallway to see how we care here are FHLS!

We have been learning new techniques and strategies for revising our writing. We have been using colored highlighters to help us make our writing better. This week we focused on orange, for synonyms, and replace boring words like, *good*, to juicy words like, *splendid*! We worked on nouns, adjectives, verbs and other ways to say "said."

Our reading small groups are going wonderfully. We are learning new words, analyzing characters, and thinking critically about the stories. We have even been sequencing events with comic strips! Our out-loud reading is becoming so fluid and effortless. We love to read! We also were able to hear some great Christmas stories.

Math has been a lot of fun. We continue to learn about decimals. We have been using them in money, adding and subtracting them, we even made it to the

thousandths place this week! It isn't easy, but we are catching on fast! Next week we will start division mad minutes. Make sure those facts are being practiced!

We finished learning about wind, and leaped into the study of storms— hurricanes and tornadoes! We did some discovery research, and some compare and contrast of the two types. What fun!

We finished our readings about Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. We now venture into a project, in which we will create a whole-class timeline for the major events in their journey. It will include artwork, writing and, of course, research. We started researching Thursday in the computer lab. When completed, this will be displayed in our hallway!

Christmas Program Details:

Next Friday is our Christmas Program, Greetings From The Heart.

*Please bring your child to the classroom **between 6:30 and 6:45 pm** for costume preparations.*

*We also encourage you to support our food drive and bring one item to school that night. (For more details, see the back of this newsletter.)

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If you have knowledge, let others light
their candles by it.

Only be careful, and watch yourselves
closely, so that you do not forget the
things your eyes have seen or let them
slip from your heart as long as you live.
Teach them to your children and to
their children after them.

-Deuteronomy 4:9

2,000 Pounds???

That is the goal for our food drive. We are in partnership with two other schools in collecting food for those in need. Here are the details:

How much have we collected so far? Almost 300 lbs.

What are we collecting? Canned and boxed non-perishable foods, including PB & J.

Where is it going? Trinity Lutheran Church's Christmas food baskets.

When does it end? Friday, Dec.18th.

Where do I bring it? The table in the main hall, right outside of the main office. There are signs and FOOD! You can't miss it!

He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and He will reward him for what he has done. -Proverbs 19:17