



Fourth Grade Features Mrs. Hofrichter

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The Art of Storytelling

Events and Home- work Due Dates for next week:

Monday:

Signed planners

Reading logs

Wednesday:

Chapel 8:20 am

Thursday:

Social Studies Unit 1
Test

Math homework due

Halloween Party
1:15pm

End of 1st 1/4

Friday:

No School!
Teacher Work Day.

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



We have been learning all about storytelling. We have been practicing the written form of storytelling through our Pumpkin stories, which are now published! They are hanging in the 4th grade hallway for all to see. Come check them out– if not now, then at conferences!

We are also learning about other ways to tell stories. The Natives used costumes and masks to tell mythical stories. We read some of those stories, and then got to see them told and danced on our field trip! We will be working on creating our own totem art next week.

Social studies also took us into the 1700's where white explorers started to discover and name parts of the Northwest. We will be finishing

up this Unit with a review and test next week. Watch for details in the planner!

Our reading groups are going really well! We are almost done with Stone Fox! We hope to finish the book next week, and then do some responding to literature together as a class. We have also been reading October and Halloween stories, as well as Indian myths!

We continued studying the water cycle this week, by making observations and using our vocabulary. We also talked about our new science project: Adopt-A-City! There is a handout sent home today with information on this assignment. Basically, we get to be meteorologists for a city in the U.S.! In the end we will be

making predictions and giving a live weather report!

Math has been fun, because we have been discovering new and interesting ways to remember and practice our multiplication and division facts. We also visited the city of Cairo in Egypt. We used some of our mathematical skills to learn all about this city.

During Religion, we continue to journey with Isaac, and even into the life of Jacob. We learned about promises– God's and ours. Even though humans break promises, God never does! We also started to prepare for our Christmas Program! It seems like a long time away, but December is just around the corner!

Changes In Homework

We will not have spelling words or Bible verses to memorize over the next two weeks. We will still be practicing the old testament books that we have learned already.

In the meantime, we will be recording the weather for our

Adopt-A-City project and working on our predictions. We will also have math homework, and please work on your math facts!!!

Spelling and memory will pick back up the week of November 9th. A new list for

the 2nd 1/4 will be sent out along with the weekly half-sheets.

Thank you for supporting the extra practice & responsibility it takes to create great leaders!

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To me, every hour of the light and
dark is a miracle.

-Walt Whitman

Praise be to the God and Father of
our Lord Jesus Christ, who has
blessed us in the heavenly realms
with every spiritual blessing in
Christ.

-Ephesians 1:3

Artful Artists

We incorporate art into our lessons as much as we can. How? By...

-*Responding to literature!* We draw scenes, settings, and characters.

-*Imitating illustrators!* What inspiration for using new media!

-*Creating art that reflects nature!* We are working on a multi-media acorn project that will be displayed at the Acorn to Oaks Luncheon.

-*Imitating Cultural Art!* We are creating totem pictures like the Natives used for their storytelling.

-*Admiring Artists!* Soon we will be learning about the sculptures and work of Alexander Calder, and using his wire art for inspiration.

Our art will be kept at school for the Fine Arts Display in the Spring Event, and then sent home at the end of the year.