



Welcome to Curriculum Night
for Fourth Grade!!!!!!

Mrs. Helmick's Class

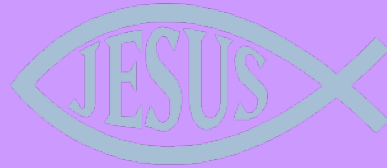
Religion

Content: Unit 1

- * Jesus in our lives
- * Beatitudes
- * Sin/Conscience
- * Celebrating Reconciliation
- * Liturgical Year

Content: Units 2-4

- * The Ten Commandments
- * Our Catholic Holidays and observances (Advent, Lent, Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, etc.)
- * Our roles as discipleship in our church and community



Expectations

- * Participation in class discussion
- * Completion of Chapter Review at the end of each lesson
- * Keeping notes organized for each lesson
- * Studying and preparing for Lesson Tests
- * Demonstrating understanding of concepts by word and deed on a daily basis



Language Arts: Spelling



Spelling

- Each week the children will complete a spelling contract while learning a group of words concentrating on a specific spelling focus. They will be responsible for independently completing the work. The activities they complete will be their choice. New words and new activities will be given to them to keep in their Spelling folder on Thursday. The completed work will be due on the following Tuesday, and the children will take a dictated Spelling Test every Wednesday. Children need to review and study words at home.

Language Arts: Daily Oral Language



- We will correct sentences daily as a group that contain age-appropriate English, editing, spelling, and punctuation errors. We will discuss grammar rules corresponding with errors such as subject-verb agreement, tense etc.
- Tests every Tuesday



Language Arts: English/Grammar



- We will progress through the grammar workbook and complete necessary work to build knowledge of words, parts of speech, sentence structure, and creative writing. Daily Oral Language Drills support this!!!!!!



Language Arts: Writing Pieces



- We will complete at least two formal writing assignments per quarter. We will write stories, personal narratives, letters, comparison/contrast pieces, poetry, descriptions, and many more. Often one of the writing pieces will be connected in some way to a Social Studies topic or a novel we are reading.
- Pen Pals: Every year my language arts classes pen pal with a fourth grade class in Mason. This also helps to sharpen their writing skills.



Language Arts: Reading



- The children are expected to complete independent reading daily. They need to earn 15 Accelerated Reading Points the first 3 quarters of the year and 20 points in the 4th quarter. The cut off for taking AR Tests is the Wednesday of the last week of each quarter.
- We will read the following novels as a class: *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*, *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever*, *The Family Under the Bridge*, *Littsie of Cincinnati*, *A Biography of Harriet Tubman*, *Shiloh*, and *the Thousand Paper Cranes*. We will work on developing reading and writing skills as we read these books. **Written expression is a very important component to my reading program.** For every novel we read the children will have to respond in a Literature Response Journal as an ongoing activity. We spend 5-6 weeks on each book depending on its length. **WHEN ALL WORK HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND GRADED FOR THE BOOK, I WILL SEND HOME A PACKET.** Occasionally we will read short stories from the classroom reader.



Language Arts/Vocabulary

- The children have a vocabulary book. We will complete a lesson every two weeks. The first week will be completing an index card as a study guide for each word and completing most of the exercises for the lesson. The second week will be reviewing the lesson from the book and studying the words. We will test every other Friday. Vocabulary tests are included in your child's reading grade along with AR tests, and all work associated with the novels and short stories we read.



Weekly Specials

Monday

- Physical Education
- Spanish



Tuesday

- Music



Wednesday

- Physical Education



Thursday

- Music
- Art



Friday

- Computer
- Library



Discipline/Demerits

- Demerits will be given for improper behavior in both the classroom and on the playground.
- Academic Demerits will be given for missing or incomplete homework and not bringing all materials to class.
- Demerits will be recorded daily in their plan books. Please check them daily so there will be no surprises!!!!
- 10 Demerits warrants a detention. Detention is held on Wednesday afternoons from 2:50 until 3:50.