

May 2017



**UPCOMING DATES:**

**May 5:**

Ice Cream Social (5 p.m.)

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**May: 12:**

All library books due

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**May 25:**

School Mass (instead of 5/24); Move-Up Day

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**May 26:**

Last Day of School;  
No After School available

**"TIMES OF TRANSITION ARE STRENUOUS, BUT I LOVE THEM. THEY ARE AN OPPORTUNITY TO PURGE, RE-THINK PRIORITIES, AND BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT NEW HABITS."**

# Intermediate Department

**RELIGION:**

We will continue to learn about the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes as we finish the year. They give us guidelines on how to live holy lives and serve others. We also have some service planned for the month of May—stay tuned for information on this topic.

**LANGUAGE ARTS:**

We have been enjoying some poetry and will celebrate Poem in Your Pocket Day on April 27th by sharing some favorite poems. Students are working on organizing ideas to write a five paragraph essay at school. We will incorporate creativity, and good word choice to express opinions using specific examples. Students continue to work on identifying the parts of speech and improving sentence structure.

Third graders are developing inference skills to aid in comprehension of text. Students will compare different texts on the same topic. They will read various genres and identify the traits of the genres. Students will work with homophones and multi-meaning words using context to understand the word meaning.

Fourth grade is working to identify the main idea of a paragraph and a passage as well as the supporting details that tell about the topic. The stories are a variety of genres, but all will transport us to interesting places or times. The tall tale about Paul Bunyan will give students a chance to work with different types of figurative language and is a favorite.

**MATH:**

*3rd Grade:* Third graders have finished a dynamic unit on Geometry. We learned that Geometry is everywhere, including learning about longitude and latitude in Ms. McGlamery's class. Be on the lookout for their Geometry Lapbook, a labor of love for the past 3 weeks! During the month of May we will be leaning all about fractions and will live the phrase that "Fractions are Fun!"

Proud of these 3rd graders and their accuracy and quickness on their math fact quizzes, keep up the good work and finish strong 3rd grade.

*4th grade continued....*



## Math, cont.

4th Grade: Fourth graders just wrapped up their unit on Geometry with their construction of a GeoCity, hands down the best GeoCities I have seen in Intermediate! They put a lot of time and effort into their role as cartographers.

During the month of May we will be studying fractions and preparing our math brains for 5th grade. Common denominators, adding fractions, converting mixed number and improper fractions will all be a part of their vocabulary.

I am extremely proud of the 4th graders and their math fact skills, their knowledge will serve them well in the coming years. Stay strong 4th grade!

## SOCIAL STUDIES:

It's official, fourth graders have finished learning all about the five different regions of the United States and know all 50 states and capitols! Third graders finished their challenging unit on Government and could tell you everything you need to know about the functions of the three branches of government as well as checks and balances. To close the year both third and fourth graders will be learning about latitude and longitude and how to read coordinates on a map. Students will have the chance to create their own cities on a map using basic map skills as well as latitude and longitude.

## SCIENCE:

Students just finished learning about weather and the four different types of clouds. We had the chance to make a cloud in a bottle using liquid, dust and air pressure! To end the year students will be learning all about the human body including basic functions of the brain, digestive system and skin.

Have a  
Great  
Summer!