

April 27, 2009

Dear 4B parents,

I hope you all had a great auction weekend! Congratulations for winning the BBQ! Thank you to Grade Fosado for organizing and thank you to everyone for donations! That will be a lot of fun in the sun and the sand this summer.



Testing - Tomorrow we will begin our CAT tests. Each section takes approximately one hour. We'll do one section a day and will finish on Thursday. Students do their best testing when they have a full night's sleep, a good breakfast, and arrive to school on time with materials. Thanking

Religion - We'll continue our preparation for the Living Rosary for the May Celebration. There will be a Joyful Mysteries test next Friday, May 8th. Students must know the Joyful Mysteries by heart, be able to spell them correctly and be able to give a full description in their own words. Each student has a Joyful Mysteries booklet, which we'll be completing this week that they can use for their study guide. They should be keeping these in their filers and bringing them to school each day to study if there is time. They will turn these in on Friday to be graded.

Math - Students will be identifying transformations - translations, rotations, and reflections, learning how to average, adding and subtracting decimal fractions, and identifying liquid capacity of common containers.

Reading - We'll be working on answering short and long answer test questions from our testing booklet. Students will also be looking for a mystery book to read for their mystery report that we'll be working on beginning in May.

Social Studies - 4B students all received their corrected Lewis and Clark tests today. Please check your child's filer for the test. This week we will be focusing on our own Alki and the Denny Party, as we learn about the history of Seattle and the early settlers here. This will help us prepare for our upcoming visit to the Log House Museum.

Science - Students are learning about the life cycle, survival, and healthy habitats of Pacific salmon.

Field Trip - A permission slip for a field trip to the Log Cabin Museum and Alki Beach Clean-Up will come home tomorrow. The trip is scheduled for next Friday, the 8th from 10:30-12:20. We'll need parent drivers for rides down to Alki. If you

haven't been to the Log Cabin Museum on Alki, it's a nice little museum that showcases Alki memorabilia.

Bake Sale - Both 4th grades are planning a Bake Sale for Wednesday, May 13th. More details will be coming soon. Proceeds will go to "Mercy Kits" chosen by the students on the Mercy Corps website. Visit www.mercycorps.org for more information. I have the link posted on our website. This is an annual service project by the 4th graders.

Talent Show Auditions - Students who are interested in the Talent Show need to return their permission slips. Auditions will be held on May 6th & 7th.

Uganda Students - Please keep the dollar bills coming in! This Friday is May 1st - "One on One." Thank you.

Spelling Words for the Week of:

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Unit 23 Homophones

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| 1. lone | 2. break | 3. waist | 4. passed |
| 5. sore | 6. cellar | 7. roll | 8. died |
| 9. past | 10. steak | 11. role | 12. steel |
| 13. loan | 14. dyed | 15. seller | 16. brake |
| 17. soar | 18. steal | 19. stake | 20. waste |

Vocabulary Word: *CORUSCATE* (Verb)

Flash or sparkle, glitter or gleam!

Students are required to learn the **spelling, part of speech and definition** of the weekly vocabulary word. They **will also be asked to write their vocabulary word in a sentence** they have made up themselves. The sentence should be written so that it gives adequate detail to show the **meaning of the vocabulary word is clear. Correct spelling and punctuation is expected!!**

Challenge Words

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| 1. Cognitive Abilities Test | 2. salmon |
| 3. Duwamish | 4. prospector |

Optional, unless otherwise specified.

