



November 16, 2015

**Dear 4A Families,**

Happy Monday everyone. I hope you all enjoyed your weekend. Quite wet on Saturday, but nice on Sunday! Looks like on and off rain all week. Students should have a jacket at school each day as the weather is especially unpredictable this time of year.



**Pike Place Market!** Tuesday the 17th we will be heading off to wonderful Pike Place Market. Students are **required to wear their uniforms, but they may wear their gator gear sweatshirts in lieu of a red sweatshirt if they choose.** They should also wear good shoes for walking. Students will need to **bring a sack lunch to eat with a beverage,** and they **may bring up to \$5.00** to spend at the Market for a small treat. If you signed up to drive/chaperone I have emailed you a note. If you did not get the email with the field trip information please let me know. There is no cost for this field trip, but there is a cost for parking. If you are not driving and would be able to send **in a couple of dollars** to help with the parking costs we would greatly appreciate it. Thank you!

*Please make every effort to also send in a donation or two—or three for the **Pike Place Market Food Bank.** You can bring donations to the classroom any day up to the 17<sup>th</sup>—which is **Tuesday! Thank you.***

**Conferences:** The students and I have been very busy finishing up projects and preparing for conferences. Your child will be making introductions at the door, leading us in prayer, sharing their goals and some of their work. I look forward to meeting with you all as we discuss your child's progress and goals. Last Thursday I sent home a green sheet of paper for you to fill out prior to conferences. Please turn in these sheets by this Friday. Thank you!

**Religion:** The [Corporal Works of Mercy](#) memorization/spelling test will take place this Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>. For the test the students need to be able to write each Work of Mercy with correct spelling. This includes the title. The order does not have to be exact. In class the students will be writing their [Cool School News](#) with the notes that are due on Monday.

**Thanksgiving Mass:** We will celebrate our all-school Thanksgiving Mass this Friday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 8:45. Students should be in perfect uniform for Mass. Please join us if you are able.

Speaking of Works of Mercy, 4A has already brought in many [Lunches of Love!](#) I know this is a busy time for all. If you would be easier to bring in your Lunch(es) of Love after the Thanksgiving holiday--- the first week of December—that is just fine. Thank you all so much.

**Reading:** Our class work will continue to focus on character traits, vocabulary development and fluent reading. Charlotte's Web offers wonderful dialogue for the students to practice their oral reading skills of expression and fluency.

**Math:** Look for math homework most nights this week. Our focus will be on multiplication and division for the coming weeks which will include an understanding of factors, Prime Numbers, and problem solving with multiple steps. I am so proud of the effort the students have been putting into learning their math facts. Until facts are mastered for accurate recall, nightly **focused** practice is expected. Thank you.

**Science:** We will discuss the different types of renewable and nonrenewable energy sources, as well as the impact of energy consumption. Students will understand how they use energy and how it is transformed from one type to another. As engineers we will learn the innovative ways other engineers are conserving energy and how energy can be conserved in our own homes.

**Social Studies:** The [Midwest State test](#) will take place this Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup>. On Wednesday you will also find a **new** study sheet for the **combination NE/SE/Midwest States** in your child's filer. **This test will take place on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>.** This test is a review of the tests we have taken so far that will also include the Great Lakes and some rivers. The last set of states will be the Western States. This test will be on December 16<sup>th</sup> and the 50 State test will take place in early January.

*I look forward to seeing you next week during conferences. I also want to wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving! I am so thankful for all of my 4<sup>th</sup> grade families! Wishing you a blessed holiday full of joy!*

