

September 15, 2023

Fourth Grade News

Mrs. Rathz & Mrs. Greene

SAINTMATTHEW CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Hi, 4th Grade Families!

We wanted to touch base about the Blessing of the Pets for the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. We plan to all meet in the Nature Lab at **2:30** on Wednesday, October 4. Please plan to bring your animals and meet us out in the Nature Lab at that time. The blessing will take approximately 15 minutes. **Plan on parking in the carpool line to get your student(s) at 3:00 pm.** Your children are welcome to bring photos of their pets to be blessed if you are unable to physically join us that day.

We hope that everyone had a great week! If you need anything, please don't hesitate to reach out to us. 😊

Have a great weekend!

Mrs. Megan Rathz & Mrs. Jeanna Greene

Is your child interested in being an altar server?

All students in 4th grade and older are invited to become St. Matthew Catholic Church altar servers. Training will be held on September 19th and September 20th from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm in the Church for all St. Matthew School students who are interested in becoming new altar servers. All current altar servers are also asked to attend this training as a refresher and to assist in training the new altar servers. An additional training session will be scheduled for any students who cannot attend the weekday session. An altar server involves servant leadership and commitment. Please prayerfully consider becoming a St. Matthew Catholic Church altar server. You are needed! Please contact Colleen Middleton (cmiddleton@saintmatt.org) or Ann Tully (atully@saintmatt.org) if you have any questions.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- September 22 (NEXT Friday) is a 1:00 dismissal!
- Pet Day blessing of pets – October 4 @ 2:30 in Nature Lab
- All Saints' Day – November 1 @ 8:30 Mass (more information to come)
- Hot Cocoa Party (parents invited) – Nov. 21 @ 2:15 (more information to come)
- 4R Leads Mass 12/20
- Christmas Breakfast Party @ 8:30 12/22
- 4G Leads Mass 1/17

A note from Mrs. Semon:

Are you looking for ways to support your child in math? The student math workbook has the lesson, notes page, practice page, and problem-solving page. We don't do all the pages during class time, but the students are more than welcome to use those for extra practice. IXL is a great review for the skills we are working on in class. The students have their own personal recommendation wall which has lessons specific to their needs. Students can complete those at any time. Practicing flashcards is a great way to help your student gain fluency in math facts. Be sure to check Powerschool for upcoming assignments, missing/late assignments, and your child's current grade. To help your child improve their DMR quiz grades, be sure to review the weekly DMR lessons with your child which is sent home on Thursday's. The test questions are very similar to the questions students have worked on all week.

WE ARE LEARNING:

RELIGION-We will learn about Noah and The Great Flood. We will also discuss a new beginning created between him and God. Students must be able to write down the Seven Sacraments.

MATH- IXL lessons C1 and C2 are due Monday morning. Remember, students can earn extra credit by completing the lessons to 100%. Students must complete the lessons to 80% to receive full credit. Lessons not completed to 80% will be marked as missing and counted as a late assignment. Our chapter 2 math test will be on Thursday, September 21st.

LANGUAGE ARTS- Students received and started their Unit 5 Spelling activities today, and those are due next Friday. Students will also take a test over those words next Friday. We read *What the Dinosaurs Did at School* today, which will influence our newest creative writing pieces. For our grammar focus, students will be learning about conjunctions and compound sentences.

SCIENCE- Students will conclude exploring Unit 3, Lesson 1: *Energy Transfer and Transformation*. There are four lessons within this unit, so students should plan to take a test over the first two units once we conclude Lesson 2. There will be plenty of advanced notice for that test. Students will begin brainstorming ideas for the *Citizens Energy* conservation poster contest. Students will

only work on those at school since there are no extra forms/posters to replace any that are lost or damaged.

IN HISTORY- Students made mini posters about the types of jobs in Indiana and we will move on to discuss the people and cultures in our state. Next week we will write about the many reasons Indiana is a great place to play!

READING- We will continue reading *Running Out of Time*. There will be a quiz on Tuesday, September 19 over chapters 11-20 + vocabulary. We will be focusing on which false statements, hyperboles, making inferences, using context clues, homophones, alliteration, determining the setting in a story, and predicting which event will likely happen next. We will also use our *Complex Text* workbooks and focus on using evidence from our text when constructing an answer.

Reminders:

- Please send in a family photo no larger than 4X6 for our family photo wall!

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