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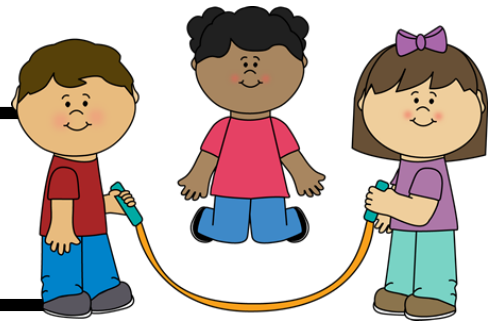
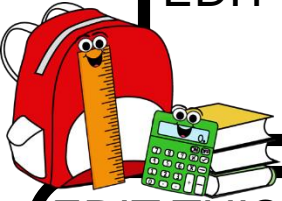
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# August

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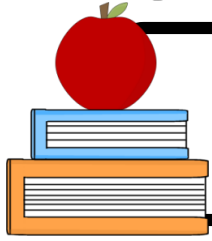
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# September



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
September 25-29, 2023



Dear Parents,

We will be doing Iowa Basic Testing this week. If anyone would like to send in snacks, the kids would love it.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Religion – Prayers  
Reading – “The One and Only Ivan” finding answers in text

Phonics – consonant sounds

English – singular/plural  
possessive nouns



Science – angiosperms  
Social Studies – Northeast state study

Math – addition and subtraction

Spelling – No test

## Reminders

Sept. 25-29 – Iowa Basic Skills testing

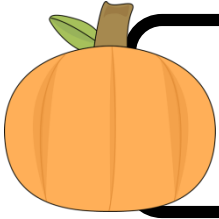
Oct. 6 – Pet Blessing at 2:20 on the parking lot

Oct. 13 – Teacher Convocation – No School

Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat at 1:30

I sent home states and capitals to study last week. The children need to be able to spell the state, match it to the capital and know where it is on the map. Test is Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>.

# October



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
October 30-Nov. 3, 2023



Dear Parents,

Student Council would like to thank everyone for their generous donations to the animal shelter. We collected 439 items for our furry friends.

We will be going to the public school on Nov. 1 for their Health Fair from 10:15-11:45. The students will be eating lunch during the second lunch period.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Religion – Saints  
Reading – novel study,  
“The Witches”  
Phonics – vowel pairs  
Math –one-digit  
multipliers, test on  
Wednesday  
English – verbs and  
helping verbs

Science – invertebrates,  
metamorphosis  
Social Studies – Southern  
colonies  
Spelling –test on Friday



## Important Dates:

Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat

Nov. 1 – Mass

Nov. 2 – Mass at the cemetery for grades 5-8

Nov. 14 – Hockey field trip

Nov. 20-24 – Thanksgiving Break

The kids may wear costumes on Halloween. Please no evil or bloody costumes. Remember they will be wearing them all day. They need to be comfortable.

# November



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Nov. 27-Dec 1, 2023

Dear Parents,

*WOW! Thank you SMS for buying and selling Dairy Dee ice cream! You helped Student Council sell 408 pints of ice cream and 150 ice cream sandwiches. Students and families can pick up their ice cream on November 29 at the back parking lot right after school-3pm-4pm. **This is the ONLY time ice cream will be available for pick up.***

*Have a wonderful Thanksgiving Break! Sincerely, Karen*

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – 10

Commandments, Quiz

Thursday

Reading – “So” You Want  
to Be President”, main  
idea, details

Phonics – plurals

Math – 2 digit

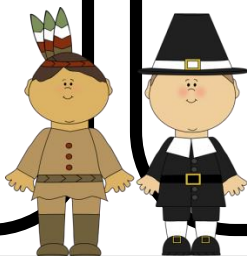
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English – verbs

Science – Fossils to Fuels

Social Studies – Civil War  
study

Spelling – test on Friday



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Nov. 27 – Midterms go home

Nov. 29 – Dairy Dee pickup

Dec. 13 – Christmas Program 6 p.m.

Dec. 15 – Movie night 6 p.m.

Dec. 20 – Christmas Break 1:00 dismissal

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# December



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Jan 4-5, 2024



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It's the last 3 days until Christmas Break and the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. It has flown by very quickly.

The students can wear Christmas attire all week..

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Reading – "Eye of the Storm", cause/effect

Phonics – prefixes

English –

Math - division

Social Studies – How Government Works

Science – human body



## Important Dates:

Dec. 20 – movie in Princeton

Dec. 20 – 1:00 dismissal for Christmas Break

Jan. 4 – Classes resume

Christmas Party Tuesday 1:40.



# January



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
January 29-Feb. 2, 2024



Dear Parents,

What a crazy busy week we have had. It was great to see everyone participate in the dress up days.

CSW Dress Up Days: Mon – PJ Day, Tues.- Red Carpet, Wed – Sports Day, Thurs – Movie/Book Character Day, Friday – Neon/Crazy Hair Day.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## OUR WEEK AHEAD:

Religion – Catholic

Schools' Week activities

Reading – "Navajo Code Talkers", sequence

Phonics – syllables

English – test on Wed. on  
Chapter 9

Math – multiples,  
equivalent fractions  
Science – finish human body  
Social Studies – Illinois  
history, test Jan.30  
Spelling – test on Friday



## Important Dates:

Jan. 29- Feb. 2 – Catholic Schools' Week festivities

Feb. 7 – Midterm

Feb. 16 – School Improvement - Dismiss at 12:00

Feb. 19 – President's Day – No School

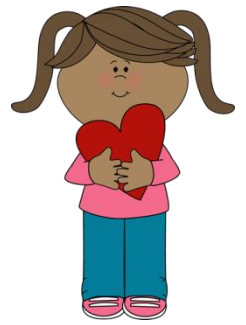
Feb. 24 – Rockets 5K Run

Open House Thursday will begin with lunch at 11:15, Bingo will begin at 12:45 and Mass will follow at 2:00. Join us for whatever you can.

# February



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Feb. 26-March 1, 2023



Dear Parents,

What fantastic weather we are having! Let's hope it is like this for the 5K on Saturday.

The Wizard of Oz is at WVC tonight and Sunday. It is terrific and several of our SMS students are performers.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Beatitudes

Reading – “Cliff Hanger”,  
literary elements

Math – adding and  
subtracting mixed  
numbers

English – contractions  
with pronouns

Science – test Friday, notes  
sent today

Social Studies – Plains  
states continued

Spelling – test on Friday

We will be concentrating on  
cursive writing for the  
next few weeks.



## Important Dates:

Feb. 24 – 5K Walk/Run

Feb. 26 – Dismiss at 12:00, VBRD teacher training

Mar. 8 – City Lights

Mar. 25- April 1 – Spring Break, classes resume April 2

Our states and capitals test will be March 8. Study papers have been sent home.

AR points are due by March 15.

# March



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
March 4-8, 2024



Dear Parents,

The Iditarod Dog Sled race in Alaska begins tomorrow. We have been researching the mushers and will follow them to the finish line. I will be reading "Stone Fox" to the students. This is a listening skills book for them.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Beatitudes

Reading – "Stone Fox",  
listening skills

Math – possible test on  
Tuesday on fractions

English – more pronouns

Science – energy: kinetic,  
potential, gravitational, and  
sound

Social Studies- states and  
capital test on March 8

Spelling – test on Friday



Cursive practice.

Important Dates:

March 9 – City Lights,

Mar 25-April 1 – Spring Break

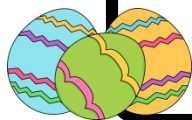
April 2 – classes resume

April 4- Spring pictures

City Lights tickets are still available. Check with friends and family. Ticket sales end March 6<sup>th</sup>.

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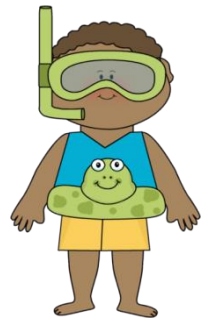
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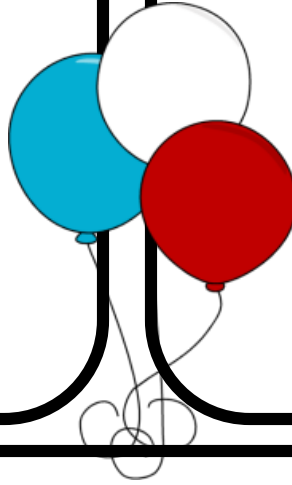
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