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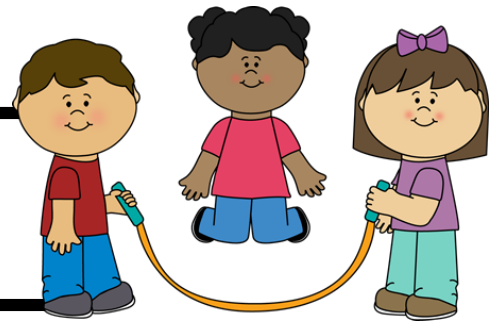
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# August



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Sept. 3-6, 2024



Dear Parents,

The students need to be reading AR every night. I expect 7 points by the end of the first quarter. Next quarter points will raise.

Labor Weekend is here. I hope you have a great time with family and friends..

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Our week Ahead:

Religion –

Reading – "Lewis and Clark and Me", author's purpose

Phonics – Blends

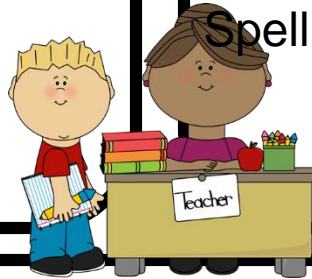
English – compound sentences

Math – test on Thursday

Science – characteristics of cells

Social Studies – longitude, land, rivers, and climate of the US

Spelling – test on Friday



**Important Dates:**

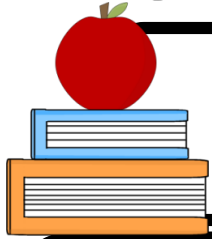
Aug. 30 – Noon dismissal

Sept. 2 – Labor Day, No school

Sept 25 – Picture Day

Rockets Golf Scramble. Tee off is at 1:00 p.m. on Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>.

# September



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Sept. 30-Oct. 4, 2024



Dear Parents,

Testing is done! Thank you to all who sent in treats. The students enjoyed them immensely. 😊

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Unit 3 Sin and Virtue

Reading – finish “The One and Only Ivan” novel study

Phonics – sounds of qu, k, f, s

English – singular and plural possessive nouns



Math – mental math to add and subtract

Science – angiosperms

Social Studies – Northeast states test on Friday

Spelling – no test

## Important Dates:

Sept. 28 – Golf Scramble, Tee off is 1:00

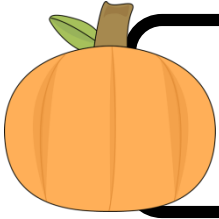
Oct. 4 – Pet Blessing

Oct. 16 – End of First Quarter

Oct. 17 – Prayer Partner Mass

Next Friday after the pet blessing, trash bags will be passed out to all who ordered.. 😊

# October



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Oct.28-Nov.1, 2024



Dear Parents,

It was so nice meeting with everyone on Tuesday. If you ever have any questions, please contact me.

Ask your child if he/she liked the "apple" crisp made with zucchini. I didn't tell them it was zucchini until they ate it. ☺ It really just tastes like apple crisp.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Origins of Halloween

Reading – "The Witches" novel study

Phonics – suffixes with spelling changes

English – contractions, test on Tuesday

Math – multiplication of 1, 2, 3 digit numbers by 1 digit

Science – present Google slide on an endangered animal, arachnids and arthropods

Social Studies – Illinois History test on Thursday

Spelling- no test



## Important Dates:

Oct. 29 – Thunderbolt hockey game

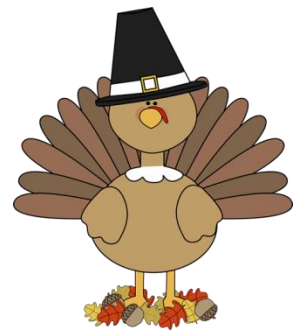
Oct. 31 – Trunk or Treat

Nov. 4 – No school – Institute Day

Nov. 5 – No School – Election Day

The Dairy Dee fundraiser order forms and money are due Oct. 28. Student council thanks you for your support.

# November



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Nov. 18-22, 2024

Dear Parents,

Mark your calendars for Dec. 13 for movie night at SMS. Student Council will be showing The Polar Express. Wear your pajamas and bring a blanket or chair. Snacks are available to purchase.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Prayers and gratitude

Reading – “Horse Heroes”, fact/opinion

Phonics – more suffixes with spelling changes

English - adjectives

Math – 2 digit multiplication

Science – Ecosystems

Social Studies - The South Long Ago

Spelling – test on Friday



## Important Dates

Nov. 15 – Midterm

Nov. 25-29 – Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 13 – Movie night at SMS

How is your child doing on AR points? There are only 20 school days left until the end of the quarter.

# December



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Dec. 16-20, 2024



Dear Parents,

The final week before Christmas Break is here! We will be practicing for the program on Monday and Tuesday in the afternoon. Thursday is our movie day in Princeton, and Friday will have a Christmas Party. In between, we will get some work done. 😊

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Christmas

Reading – “Adelina’s Whales”, fact/opinion

English – Fossil to fuels experiments

Phonics –double vowels

Math – division with remainders

Science – test on Ecology

Social Studies- southern states, states and capitals

test Dec. 17

Spelling – test on Friday



Important Dates:

Dec. 13 – Movie Night 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 18 – Christmas Program 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 20 – 1:00 dismissal for Christmas Break

January 6 – return to school

Remember to study the states and capitals.

# January



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Jan. 6-10, 2025



Dear Parents,

Today is the last day of the second quarter. We are moving along nicely in all of our subjects.

You might encourage your child to read a little over break to get a head start on 12 AR points.

Have a wonderful Christmas Break! Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Liturgical Year

Reading – “Eye of the Storm”, cause/effect

Math – long division

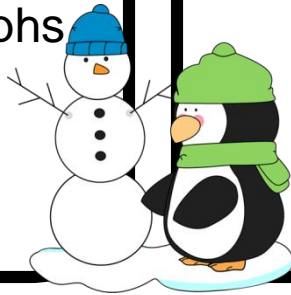
Phonics – vowel digraphs

English – mechanics:  
capitalization

Science – finish fossils to fuels

Social Studies - Civil War

Spelling – test



## Important Dates:

Dec. 20 – end of second quarter

Jan. 6 – Back to school

Jan. 8 – Grade cards go home

Jan. 20 – No School – Martin Luther Kings, Jr

Jan 27-31 – Catholic School's Week

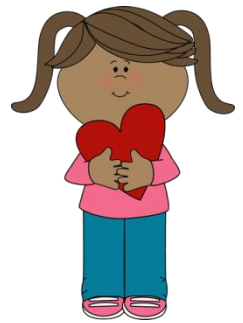
Merry Christmas!!



# February



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
Feb. 24-28, 2025



Dear Parents,

The old saying is "If March comes in like a lion, it goes out like a lamb." So let's hope for a lion. Lol! I don't know about you, but I am ready for Spring!

Save the date of May 6<sup>th</sup> for SMS Spring concert. More info later.

Have a great weekend.

Sincerely, Karen

## Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Unit 7 test

Monday, open book

Reading – Finish novel,  
then "Encyclopedia  
Brown"

English – pronouns

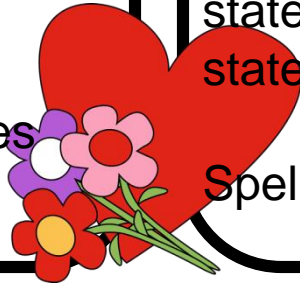
Phonics – more suffixes

Math – adding and  
subtracting fractions, metric  
measurement

Science – ecosystems

Social Studies – Midwest  
states- Be studying those  
states and capitals, test  
March 7th

Spelling – test on Friday



## Important Dates:

Mar. 1 – 5 K rescheduled

Mar. 5 – Ash Wednesday

Mar. 7 – Planetarium visit, Stations of the Cross

Mar. 11 – End of Third Quarter

Mar. 15 – Sham Rock dinner and auction

Mar. 20 – Spring pictures

Due to the road conditions and icy temperatures, the 5K has been rescheduled to March 1. All times are the same.

# March



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
March 31- April 4, 2025



Dear Parents,

The students have all chosen a biography to read. This does not have to be started during break. They will have two weeks after break to read the book, do an assigned project and take an AR test.

Sixteen points are required for AR points this quarter.

Have a great break.

Sincerely, Karen.

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Bible stories  
Reading – “Cliff Hanger”,  
literary elements  
English – adverbs  
Phonics – suffixes and  
roots

Math – Fractions and  
decimals

Science – environment

Social Studies – The West

Spelling – test Friday



## Important Dates:

Mar. 21 – Spring Break begins

Mar. 31 – Return to school

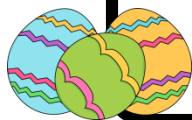
April 26 – Confirmation

May 4 – First communion

Mary 15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation

Have a wonderful Spring Break!

# April



St. Mary's School  
Fourth Grade  
April 21-25, 2025



Dear Parents,

We have our field trip to the City Park on Thursday for Safety Day. You signed this permission form weeks ago. The students can have free dress and must bring their lunch. They need to bring a sports drink or a soft drink. Candy is also acceptable. I will have a cooler. Have a Wonderful Easter!.

Sincerely,

Karen

Our Week Ahead:

Religion – Books of the Bible

Reading – “Antarctic Journal, main idea and details

English – writing an autobiography

Science - electricity

Social Studies – Western states

Spelling – test on Friday

Miss Beck would like a picture of you with your child. Please send to

[mbeck@smsrockets.net](mailto:mbeck@smsrockets.net)



**Important Dates:**

April 18, 21 – No School

April 25 – Midterms reports sent home

April 26 – Confirmation

May 4 – First Communion

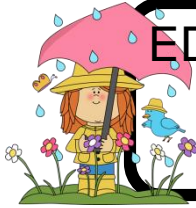
May 6<sup>th</sup> Spring Program

May 15 – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Mass and Graduation

May 20<sup>th</sup> – Pre-K Graduation

May 23 – Last day of school – dismiss at 1:00 p.m.

# May



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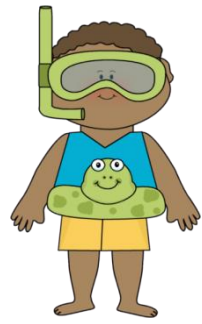
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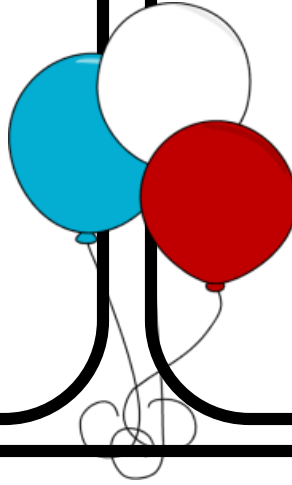
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