



Mr. Stipp's  
4th Grade News Letter  
August 13th, 2018

**This being the first newsletter of the 2018-2019 school year, I would like to thank you for sharing a part of your family with me. I am also looking forward to meeting you personally at our parent meeting on August 14th at 6:00 P.M. During this meeting I hope to share with you information on how the classroom is structured as well as behavioral expectations.**

**Learning Focus :**

Reading - This weeks reading and grammar activities will center around an excerpt from the book "Island of the Blue Dolphins". Grammar topics will include suffixes, root words, first and third person point of view, as well as story vocabulary. We will also be looking at a short story involving Rosa Parks to begin this unit's theme of Risks and Consequences.

Math - In Math this week we will continue our focus on place value, reading large numbers, as well as ordering numbers.

Spelling- This weeks spelling words can be found on page 11 of the Study Skills book. Test one will be given on Wednesday and test two on Friday. Students scoring 100% on Wednesday will not have to take the Friday test, as this is an opportunity to improve upon the Wednesday score. Challenge words provide the opportunity for extra credit.

Religion - We will continue to study the "Story of Creation" through an Old Testament lesson. We will also study about God's plan for us through Divine Revelation.

Science - Fourth grade science is divided into several sections, the first being Life Science. This week we will continue to study cells, the difference between animal and plant cells, as well as how scientists group living things.

Social Studies - This years focus in Social Studies will be the topic of Indiana History. We will start out by learning about maps, globes, hemispheres, the cardinal and intermediate directions as well as other geographical features. These skills are needed as a prerequisite to the study of Indiana and its past.

Art request- Mrs. Kidd has asked that students have an "Art T-Shirt " to wear during Art class. This is so that students will not get paint on their school clothing.