



Mr. Stipp's
4th Grade News Letter
January 7th, 2019

I hope that everyone had a blessed and enjoyable Christmas season. As this celebration draws to a close, it is now time to refocus upon the task of teaching and learning. As we enter into the second semester you will notice some "skipping around" in the sequence of lessons. The primary reason for this is to cover as many state standards as possible before the first round of state testing.

Please note that the second grading period Honor Ceremony will take place this Friday at 1:45 PM in the Shamrock Center. Also a reminder that a student's academic progress can be checked at anytime through their Jupiter account.

Learning Focus :

Reading - The next Reading unit focuses upon a scientific theme. Our first story is titled "The Scientific Method". This is an expository text that focuses upon the method that all scientists utilize when conducting experiments. Grammar topics will include root words, suffixes, regular verbs, as well as story vocabulary.

Spelling - This weeks spelling words can be found on page 9 of the Study Skills Practice Book Two. The traditional testing schedule will be followed with test number one on Wednesday, and test two on Friday.

Math - In our math lessons this week we will be continuing to study fractions. We will be adding and subtracting fractions, renaming fractions and mixed numbers, adding and subtracting mixed numbers, as well as subtracting fractions that involve renaming.

Religion - In Religion this week we plan to begin Chapter twelve in which students will learn about Peter the first Pope, as well as the church's precepts and magisterium.

Science - This week in science, we will begin our study of Physical Science focusing upon states of matter namely solids, liquids and gasses.

Social Studies - We will be studying about early pioneer life and their hardships.