



Mr. Stipp's
4th Grade News Letter
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I think that everyone will agree that the past weeks have certainly been a challenge. I would like to thank everyone for their efforts in making the quarantine and virtual learning arrangements the best they could be. It was certainly a learning experience for all of us. I think everyone is looking forward to "in person learning" this week.

As our nation takes time to honor Martin Luther King next Monday, we will also be taking some time to learn about Dr. King and his efforts in supporting the Civil Rights movement. We will focus upon the "March Upon Washington" and his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

Learning Focus :

Reading - The next Reading story continues to focus upon a scientific theme. This story is titled "Magnetism". We will be having several demonstrations and experiments that will correlate with this story. Grammar topics will include the use of regular verbs, prefixes, as well as story vocabulary. We will also be writing our first essay of the second semester. The topic will be my favorite winter activities.

Spelling - This weeks spelling words can be found on page 21 of the Study Skills Practice Book Two. Our traditional schedule will be followed.

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.

Religion - This week we will focus upon Chapter 11, which will cover the saints as well as Mary the mother of Jesus. We will also be discussing patron saints.

Science - In Science this week we will be completing Chapter nine with lessons on earthquakes and volcanoes. We will especially focus upon the Mount St. Hellen's eruption in Washington State. Students will have the opportunity to examine some of the actual ash that came from this volcano.

Social Studies - We plan to learn about the Indian Wars as well as statehood. We will be looking at the roles that William Henry Harrison as well as the Indian chief Tecumseth played in these wars. We will also learn about the War of 1812.