



Mr. Stipp's
4th Grade News Letter
October 26th, 2020

As a result of Covid –19 This years Student Halloween Celebration will look somewhat different than in past years. Guidelines will not allow for costumes or masks, and we must follow established guidelines. Students are invited to bring in a blanket / pillow for a classroom movie party. This will take place the afternoon of October 30th. I will provide prepackaged snacks for the students to enjoy.

Thanks to all parents who were able to meet for parent /Teacher conferences. This year was certainly different from past years, and hopefully just as effective.

Learning Focus :

Reading - This weeks story is titled "The Great Kapok Tree". This is a fantasy that depicts life in the Amazon Rain Forest. Grammar topics will include homographs, compound sentences, compound predicates, and story vocabulary. We will also be writing our first persuasive essay using facts about chocolate.

Spelling - This weeks words can be found on page 125 of the Study Skills book. The traditional testing schedule will continue this week.

Math - We are continuing to work with division, as with multiplication, this program introduces several methods of division, allowing students to choose the method best suited to themselves. When working with division, as well as in other mathematical topics, it is important that students have a firm knowledge of the multiplication facts. This week we will also use multiplication to check division .

Religion - During religion this week will learn about Pope Saint John XXIII, as well as the eight Beatitudes of the Catholic Church. Our Old Testament story this week will be "The Mana in the Desert".

Science - This week we will continue our study of ecosystems, food chains, and webs. We will also learn about the importance of decay and scavengers to our ecosystems. .

Social Studies - In Social Studies we will soon finish chapter two in which we learned about Robert LaSalle and how the early French explorers settled Indiana. In chapter three we will be studying Indiana's role in the French and Indian War,