



Mr. Stipp's  
4th Grade News Letter  
November 16th, 2020

**Thanks to those who donated items to the 4th grade's Thanksgiving basket. If you have not had the chance, and still wish to donate to this service project there is still time, but we need the items by Friday. Please note the revised collection dates; Non perishable items are due November 20th, not the 22nd. Perishable items are due November 23rd, not the 25th.**

**Learning Focus :**

Reading - Our next reading story is titled "Striking it Rich, the Story of the California Gold Rush". This is an expository story that relates the details about the Gold Rush of 1848. We also plan to read a short story about the "Pony Express". There will also be a special video that we will watch giving us additional background information about the California Gold Rush. Grammar topics will include superlative adjectives, Latin Root words, as well as story vocabulary. We will also be working on an essay about a "special person or persons" in your child's life.

Spelling - This weeks spelling words can be found on page 159 of the Study Skills practice Book. The traditional testing schedule will be followed.

Math - During our math lessons this week will continue working on Chapter 5. This will include a review which will include factors, multiples, prime and composite numbers, number patterns, as well as problem solving.

Religion - . In this weeks religion lessons we will be studying Chapter 9. Chapter nine covers the first three Commandments. Our Old Testament story will be "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho".

Science - We plan to continue with our study of Geology in Chapter 8. Topics to be covered include: minerals, Sedimentary, Igneous ,and Metamorphic rock. We will also be classifying rocks and minerals.

Social Studies - After our study guide and test, we will then begin to learn about Indiana's role in the American Revolution, and how the contributions of George Rogers Clark led to the formation of the Northwest territory and ultimately the state of Indiana.