

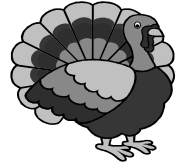
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Falling into Fall



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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

4MUR NEWSLETTER

Thank you for your help and patience as your children got into the new routines of their grade four school year. 4MUR is ready for another great month of new challenges. It's hard to believe the first month is already over!

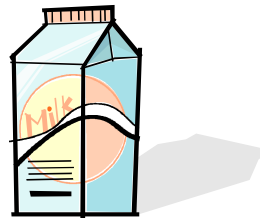
I have to say the we seem to have a great group of kids in here!

The students of both 4MUR and Kindergarten-McMorrow are very excited to be Buddies for the year. We met last week and your child has acted as a mentor by being a good role model for their buddy. Our first major activity together will be a Thanksgiving craft

Book Orders

Scholastic Book Orders for October are due on Wednesday, Oct. 7. Cheques only please!

4MUR is in charge of selling milk for the month of October!



Important Dates

Oct. 1—Bible Mass at Holy Trinity Church @ 9:30 am.

Oct. 2-PD Day- No School

Oct. 8 - Evergreen Cross-Country Race 4:00 pm

Oct. 12- Thanksgiving Day (No School)

Oct. 14, 15, 16 , 19, 20– Swim Lessons at TLC 12:30-1:30

Oct. 30 - Halloween Carnival

Terry Fox

Our Terry Fox run was a huge success! It was a beautiful day for this event to take place.

A reminder that pledge forms and donations

are due Monday, Oct. 5. Our school goal is to raise \$5,000 to make Mr. Renaud dress up like a clown for a day and provide the whole

school with a treat!

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!



Super-Star Students!

Every month I will feature certain students who have shown great friendship, academics, and work habits. Students have worked hard to achieve these goals and deserve praise and thanks!

Donna is a role model for all of us! You always try your best, show good listening skills, and we love to see your smiling face everyday!

Leon, thank you for working hard to meet your goals. Your hard work is paying off!

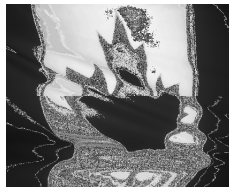
Jensen is always willing to help out her classmates and demonstrates great compassion and friendship! You are always willing to share your terrific answers in class.

LANGUAGE ARTS

I would like to thank all of you for making the home reading program a success for the month of September. Our prize draw is held at the end of each month. I encourage you to continue to read with your child and track their reading minutes on the Home Reading Apples. 4MUR is beginning our novel study *Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing*. We will also continue to with weekly Spelling Lessons and cursive handwriting weekly. We have been focusing on how to use good "Ideas" in writing. We will also be starting our first "take-home" book project soon!

SOCIAL STUDIES

We have almost finished our mapping unit. Students are becoming experts on how to use a compass rose, a map legend and are familiar with the seven continents and oceans of the world. We will now focus on the regions of Alberta that will involve hands-on group work and projects.



MATH



In math we are have explored the place value of numbers and the variety of ways that we can represent a given numeral. We have compared, sorted, and estimated numbers. We are now focusing on addition and subtraction of 3 and 4 digit numbers. Please continue to practice basic facts up to 20 at home regularly with your child as it makes a big difference in their success in math.

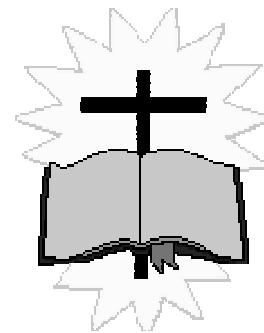
SCIENCE



This month we will be continuing our Waste and Our World unit. Students are enjoying this unit and are discovering many ways on how they can personally make a difference to better their environment. We will be focusing on the 3 R's and different methods of waste disposal.

RELIGION

As the students are just receiving their very own New Testaments blessed by Father Paul at Mass, we will begin to explore and share stories from the bible and practice looking up passages. Students will be encouraged to pass on the Good News of Jesus Christ.



FIELDTRIPS, THANKSGIVING , HALLOWE'EN



We are beginning swimming lessons at the end of the month. Our dates are Oct. 14, 15, 16, 19, and 20. Our lessons run from 12:30 to 1:30, so we will leave the school at 12:10 and return at 1:50.

We will be having a classroom celebration for Thanksgiving on **Oct. 9**, focusing on what we are thankful for in our lives. Snack helpers for that day are: **Tori, Evan, Justin and Jensen.**

On October 30, students are encouraged to dress up in a costume of their choice. We

may be having a Penny Carnival—details to be announced later!



4 MUR will have a classroom party on the afternoon of **Oct.30**. Snack helpers are:

Maddie, Kiernan, Jesse, Mitchell, and Ariane.