

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

GRADE 4W



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year. My name is Michelle Weatherill and I will be teaching your child grade 4 this year. I have truly enjoyed getting to know your children over the past week and I am looking forward to a year filled with new adventures.

Important Dates

September 12th-New Student/Staff Lunch
September 12th-School Council Meeting @ 6 pm
September 13th-Opening Mass @ 10:30 am
September 16th-Hot Lunch (Dominos Pizza)
September 19th-Welcome Back Family Movie Night
September 20th-Teacher PD, No School for Students
September 23rd-Hot Lunch (Opa)
September 24th-St Pat's/Dawe Run
September 26th-Terry Fox Run
September 30th-Hot Lunch (Subway)
September 30th-Orange Shirt Day

Please check the Holy Family School Website for additional information and details.

******PLEASE NOTE THAT EVERY MONDAY STUDENTS WILL BE DISMISSED AT 2:00 pm**

Subject Overview for September

Math:

In math we will begin the year focusing on Patterns and Relations. Students will learn to create and identify patterns. Please keep an eye out for books coming home to study for quizzes and tests.

It is very important at this time for the students to begin reviewing their basic multiplication and division facts for mastery. As a class we will also begin reviewing and practicing this at the end of September.

Social:

In Social this year we will be studying Alberta Our Home. This curriculum is based on Alberta's land, people, challenges, and changes. We will start with a brief overview of how to use a compass (Cardinal and Ordinal directions), Alberta's location in relation to the rest of the provinces and territories, and the location and labelling of Alberta's provinces and territories. Our first unit of study will be ALBERTA: EXPLORE THE LAND. This section will cover the regions of Alberta, landforms, and climate. The students will be using a textbook as well as a duo-tang for notes and handouts. They are more than welcome to take these home at any time but **MUST** remember to bring them back to class the next day. Study guides/review sheets will come home with students before each test/quiz to allow students to prepare well in advance.

Please keep an eye out for books coming home to study for tests and quizzes.

Language Arts:

In Language Arts we will focus on reading comprehension. The students will work on choosing "good fit" books that are at their reading level. The students will be working in small, guided reading groups where we will focus on specific reading strategies, to improve

overall comprehension, using material at the student's reading level. During the month of September we will focus on the strategy of Self-Monitoring.

In "Word Work" students will be expected to focus on both the spelling and meanings of selected words. The words will change every two weeks. It is within our Word Work that we will cover the grammar components of the curriculum such as contractions, compound words, antonyms, synonyms, homophones, adjectives, nouns, verbs, adverbs, dictionary work and syllabication. In September we will review vowel sounds and vowel combinations in words.

In "Writing" we will be writing a variety of poetry forms, a research report as well as story writing. During the month of September we will focus on writing good sentences with correct punctuation and structure.

Science:

We will begin working on the unit "Waste and our World". This unit encourages the students to become aware of the importance of recycling products and reducing waste.

The students will begin to focus on ways in which they can help keep our environment healthy.

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Important Information:

Classroom Allergies and Food Concerns

Please **do not send food items to school** for the class without checking with me first. We have several serious allergies in our classroom this year and we would like to avoid Dairy, Sugar, Peanuts, Gluten, and many others as well.

Communication

Please log on to our **EDSBY REPORTING SYSTEM** as soon as possible to allow me to communicate with you rather than using the "Remind" system.

You are able to contact me at the **School @ 403 341-3777 Ext 220108** (pls leave a message and I will get back to you asap.)

My email address is michelle.weatherill@rdcrs.ca

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this newsletter. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me.

Michelle Weatherill