

# Grade 4 News

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## Welcome to Fourth Grade!

Welcome to a new school year. The first week is over, and we are off to a great start. I am very excited about this school year. We have a lot of work ahead of us, but together, we can do it.

## Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life

In religion, we are focusing on Growing in Jesus Christ. Last week, we learned that God sent his only Son to us. Jesus Christ is our Savior, and He shows us how to live. We are trying to follow Jesus' example. We also learned that the disciples spread the good news of Jesus Christ, and the Church continues that today. Please help your child follow Jesus' example and spread the good news by keeping the Family Contract you made together.

After we finish each chapter in Unit 1 of our text, there will be a family page for you to do together. Each page contains a puzzle piece. Please follow the directions for what to write or draw on the puzzle piece. Then, save the pieces! By the end of Chapter 5, you'll have all the puzzle pieces.

This week we are learning how Jesus leads us to happiness!

## We Love to Read!

We went to the library twice last week. All the fourth grade students should have at least one book to read. We are working on finding books that are not too hard, not too easy, but just right for us. Fourth graders should read for at least 20 minutes each night. They will keep track of what they read with reading logs. Please encourage your child to read.

We read a story called Young Arthur last week. Now we're reading about armor and weapons used by knights.

## A Peek into the Rest of Our Studies:

Spelling: Homophones (words that sound the same but are spelled differently and have different meanings), to be followed Thursday by More Homophones -- Our first spelling test will be Wednesday. Please help your child study the spelling words. (See the Spelling Family Newsletter for more information.)

Social Studies: This year we're learning all about Texas. We're starting with reviewing the basic social studies ideas of citizenship and map skills.

Math: Fourth graders are learning about place value. Now they'll be incorporating estimating, comparing, and ordering whole numbers.

Science: They are studying plants, flowers, and parts of flowers. They will dissect different types of flowers this week and have a test Friday.

Thank you for all you do! Have a great week!