

## Newsletter for April

Dear Fourth and Third Grade Parents,

I hope you all had a great Easter and a restful week off of school.

The ITBS test will be starting on April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 30<sup>th</sup>. I have tried hard to prepare them for this test and I need your help to insure that they are well rested and set for each testing day. There will be no homework as long as we are testing.

I am continuing to send home work every Friday that we have completed during the week. **Please** go over the papers with your child and contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

The following are the main items we will be covering in the month of April:

Religion: We are working on Chapter 6 in our book. The focus is on Baptism. We are baptized only once, but the reality of Baptism lives on each day we are alive.

In the Steps to Respect program we will continue to work on the subject of bullying. We are learning how to be assertive and how to report bullying.

Math: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: We just finished up Chapter 8 in the math book. In Chapter 9 we will be starting division. It is so important that your child knows their math facts to make it easy for them to be successful. I can't stress this enough.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: We will take a pre-test on Chapter 9 and I am sure the students will be able to pass the test. So we will move on to Chapter 10 where they will be working on division with remainders. Please review their math facts daily for they need to have a lock on this skill.

Language Arts: 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: We are continuing in our reader and doing comprehension exercises.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: We have finished the book "Racso and the Rats of Nimh" in Literature Circle. We did questions about the book and looked up vocabulary words.

All the students are working on Grammar and writing skills. We are also learning how to write a great paragraph.

Science: We are starting our unit on Food Chains and Food Webs. In computers they are working on a brochure of Ecosystems.

Social Studies: We are starting on Chapter 5 on Governing Ourselves. We will learn how the government works in the United States and in our own state.

Art: We will begin to explore the aspects of positive and negative space.

Sincerely,

Ms. Shirley Shores

