

February 4, 2010

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

With spring just around the corner, all kinds of things are “blooming” in our classroom. Our Accelerated Reader Program is breaking all records! The students have accumulated over 1,700 points as a class for the books they have read and tested. I reward them at every 500-point goal with popcorn and a movie...soon it will be time to go movie shopping!

Special congratulations go to the 4th grade members of the **Academic Olympic** teams which competed on Tuesday: First Place – Danny Samson & team; Second Place – Peyton Uznanski & team; Runner Ups – Christina Tsien & team; Justin Valente & team. We are so proud of you!!

In **social studies** we have begun Chapter 2 in our book The Washington Adventure. We will be studying Native Americans of Washington State, and we will also be learning how to take “two column” notes. In **religion** we are finishing up Chapter 7 – The Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus. This week we will complete our half-year of computers. In **math** we have begun our chapter on division, and in **writing** we are writing multi paragraph essays.



Next Sunday people all over the U. S. will celebrate **Valentine’s Day** with hearts and flowers. We will celebrate at school on the 12th by **exchanging valentines** and having a **small party** in the afternoon. In the morning we will be celebrating St. Valentine’s Feast Day and the love of God with a prayer service in our classroom. Our emphasis will be on Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians in Chapter 13 where he speaks of LOVE! We will find out that **true love** is patient, kind, not jealous, understanding, unending, etc. I invite you to read St. Paul’s letter for yourselves and celebrate God’s love in your heart!



Tomorrow morning we will be attending an All School Mass in our final day of Catholic Schools Week. We will be in the main sanctuary at 9 o’clock if you’d like to join us.

Fondly,

Mrs. Joan Joanis