

March 11, 2010

Dear Fourth Grade Parents,

Believe it or not, the second trimester ends tomorrow! **Report cards** will be coming home **next Thursday**. I am so very pleased with the way the fourth graders are maturing as students. They are organized and work at planning their studies. The AR reading for most has been marvelous. As a class we have reached over 2,600 points. WOW! I expect these kids will continue doing well into the last trimester.

We have ventured into our next FOSS science kit entitled "Human Body." As part of this kit we have dissected owl pellets. The skeleton of a mouse or vole can be recreated from the bones contained in one owl pellet. If you stop by during the school open house this Sunday (10:30 - 1:30) you can see what we found! Also, our newest math chapter is on fractions and our grammar unit is on pronouns. We have begun writing narrative stories and learned six different ways you can begin a story.

Practice for our spring musical "**Broadway N'Stuff**" is well underway. The fourth graders will be singing as well as playing chimes. Be sure to mark your calendar now for the evening performance on **Thursday, March 25<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00. A performance for the seniors in our parish will happen the same day at 1:00. It should be a fun time !

To all families I send an early happy **St. Patrick's Day** for the 17th and a happy **St. Joseph's Day** for the 19th. We continue our "Lenten Journey" and look forward to a glorious Easter.

Just a reminder: Noon dismissal tomorrow – no lunch service.  
No school next Friday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

Happy (almost) Spring!

Fondly,

Mrs. Joan Joanis

