

*Welcome to October!*



*Dear Fourth Grade Parent:*

*It is hard to believe a month of school has already passed. We have accomplished many things in our fourth grade classroom. We have become familiar with new schedules, teachers, classmates, textbooks, and getting organized! We are polishing up our behavior and following the school's policies and rules. We now understand what is expected of us, and we are rising to meet those expectations.*

*Our fourth grade class will participate in the planning and execution of Mass on Thursday, October 19. We continue to seek opportunities each day to live our faith by serving others. Mass is at 8:45 and all are welcome. We hope to see you in church if possible!*

*We have become familiar with world geography and vocabulary in Social Studies. We have studied continents, hemispheres, and oceans. We have read maps and charts. We learned about Wisconsin's state symbols and are studying landforms.*

*We are currently studying life science topics such as cells and ecosystems. We have also completed our first health unit on ways we can guard our bodies against infections. We are learning what stress is, how it affects*

*us, and some tips for what to do to combat stress in our lives. October is Fire Safety Month. We have discussed how to stay safe in a fire situation. We are prepared for the next fire drill.*

*We are continuing fiction stories in reading class. Please remember to review new vocabulary words and worksheets brought home. Students have been tested for Accelerated Reader placement and have started to take tests over books of their choice. Please note that this activity is part of the total literature grade at MGC. Remember, you may check your child's progress on Power School.*

*Keep in mind that new spelling words come home on Fridays. Please practice and review words at home. Tests are always at the end of each school week unless we have a short week and a change of dates is indicated in the Agenda Book.*

*Mark your calendars for October 12 and 13; we do not have school due to Teacher's Convention.*

*I am looking forward to talking with everyone at conferences. Slips will be coming home with your appointment time.*

*Here's to a happy fall!!!*

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