



## News from 4B

**St. Francis of Assisi**

May 6, 2011

**Reading:** This week we started reading the novel, *Number the Stars*, by Lois Lowry. This historical fiction is set during World War II in Copenhagen, Denmark. It is a recounting of how the citizens of Denmark rallied to protect their Jewish neighbors. Comprehension continues to be a focus of our reading program. For this novel I have given the 4th graders a master list of vocabulary. Each student is to keep the master list in his/her organizer for future reference and study purposes. The first vocabulary quiz will be over Chapter 1-3—date to be announced.

**English:** We have been plugging away at adjectives and are ready to take the test on Monday. We went over a review on Friday. We are also started working on a personal narrative essay (4 paragraphs). Students are picking a personal experience that has a strong emotion: happiness, pride, fear, sadness, etc. I share the time when I cracked my head open and had to have 15 stitches. AND we are working with punctuating dialogue, which I hope to see in their essays.

**Math:** My Group: Look in the Friday folder for Test 17. We took Test 18 today. Remember to show your work on your homework. It really does help on the test.

**Science:** Check out your end of the unit rock and mineral test. We are on to our rocket unit. We will be learning about the 3 laws of motion.

**Social Studies:** We had a great trip to the Washington State History Museum in Tacoma. This week, we read and discussed the Great Depression. Chapter 12 and 13 support our novel, *Number the Stars*.

**Religion:** Reconciliation test should be in today's folder. We are now learning about the Holy Spirit.

**Spelling:** Be sure to review Lesson 23. Get 100% on Monday and you don't have any sentences to write for homework.

4B will be leading the parish rosary on Tuesday, May 10th @ 9:30

Next Friday is Grandparents and Special Guest Day. Please let me know if your child is going home with his/her guest.

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