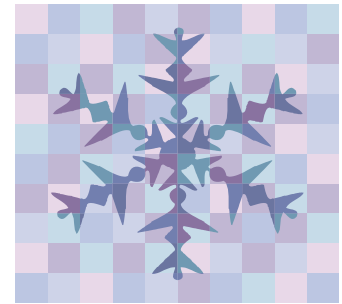


## News from 4B

### St. Francis of Assisi

January 21, 2011



**Reading:** This week we revisited the skill of author's purpose: to inform, to entertain, and to persuade. In our whole group, the students read about Jose Limon, a dancer. In their small groups, the fourth graders learned about Isadora Duncan, Jackson Pollock, or Luciano Pavarotti. Ask your fourth grade what they know about the person he/she read about.

**English:** I am currently correcting the cholera journal entry. Each fourth grader wrote a diary entry, as either Mother or Father, about Louvina being ill with cholera. This is a reading and English grade. We are also working with pronouns: singular, plural, subject or direct object. Students have two pronoun charts in their notebooks that they can be using for studying. The pronoun test is coming. In between, we are working through the uses of the comma: direct address, in a series, after an introductory phrase, dates, places and direct quotation.

**Math:** Please take time to review your child's homework. It is important that students show their work for computation problems.

**Science:** The Earth material unit started with making observation of our "mock" rock. Students looked at properties such as color, texture, and shape. They also measured their rocks using a tape measure and a balance. We went on to breaking the "rock" into its ingredients (minerals). Student use "picks" and then water to help separate the "minerals". Remember to check science notebooks for worksheets. There will be an investigation one test late next week or early the following week.

**Social Studies:** Working in their wagon groups, the travelers are packing their wagons. What food supplies do you take? How much of each item do we need? How much weight can a wagon carry? What personal items can we bring. These are the questions that they are struggling with, just like the emigrants.

**Religion:** Students took a Chapter 6 Baptism test on Friday. They also turned in a Signs of Baptism project.

**Spelling:** Study Lesson 14 plus the K & L states. Remember A-I states can be review words at any time. Take a few minutes to look over the word list this weekend and save yourself some homework.

Catholic Schools Week is coming!

Keep watching the bulletin for specific information.

Progress reports will be coming home next week. Keep in mind that we still have several weeks to go until the end of the 2nd trimester.

#### St. Francis of Assisi Mission Statement

The mission of St. Francis of Assisi School is to educate the whole person by creating a Christ-centered community that fosters an active faith, encourages service, and promotes academic growth.