



## News from 4B

### St. Francis of Assisi

December 10, 2010



**Reading:** We wrapped up *Me and Uncle Romie* with a vocabulary and comprehension test on Wednesday. We revisited the skill understanding character through his thoughts/feelings, words, and actions. At the same time, we are reading *Bound for Oregon*. The Todds have had to overcome several challenges. Ask your reader how the Todds crossed the Wakarusa River and how did they crossed the Kaw River. They used two very different approaches.

**English:** We are looking at a noun test. It will be early next week. The test will cover nouns as subject, direct object, plural, singular, proper, common, and possessive.

**Math:** My math group took Test 7 this week. Look for this test next week. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we worked with reading and writing decimals with tenths and hundredths. Our text relates decimals to money-\$1.00, 10 cents, and 1 cent. Check out Investigation 4a and 4b.

**Science:** Students took the Investigation 3 test on Thursday. We will conclude the water unit with the end-of-the-unit test on Wednesday. I handed out an end of unit review on Thursday. We will go over it on Monday so that you have a few nights to review ALL the investigations.

**Social Studies:** The fourth graders are working in Oregon Trail groups. Oregon Trail dolls were due today. Each student had a handout with directions for dressing his/her doll. Now we are moving on to researching animals and wagons. The groups will be working on “building” a wagon. The students will be given a participation grade for each research session plus receive a grade for his/her part of the finished wagon. For the participation grade, I will be observing how well each student is staying on tasking and helping complete the project.

**Religion:** Keep practicing the Ten Commandments using your matching cards. There will be a test next week. On Monday, 3-8th graders will attend a reconciliation service.

**Spelling:** Due to all of the “seasonal” activities, we will not have a spelling lesson next week. I can use the time for other subjects.

**I will be posting first trimester grades for your review.**

**No Math Club, Monday, December 13th.**

Remember the Advent Program is Thursday @ 7:00. Students are to come to the **classroom** at 6:45. After the performance, please come to the **classroom** to pick your child up. **Wear your Sunday best—no jeans or sweatpants.**

If your 4th grader is in the play, please check with them. I believe they will be in the church for pickup.

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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.