

Sept. 19-23

4th Grade News

This week in 4th grade we had our first mass. We did an amazing job, and we received many compliments on our reading. We had bus safety on Monday and we practiced going out of the back of the bus in case of an emergency. We also had our fall pictures taken.



We smiled very nicely, and we looked great!

In Math we took our first test. We tested our knowledge of the uses of numbers, place value vs. value up to millions, and logical reasoning. We think we did pretty great on our first test.

In English we learned the other two types of sentences: imperative and exclamatory. Imperative sentences are commands or requests. They start with a verb and end with a period. Ex: Show me where the Mississippi River is. Exclamatory sentences show great feeling or emotion. They end with an exclamation point. Ex: What a tall waterfall that is! We also used our newspapers to see if we could find either of these types of sentences in the articles. It was hard to find these types of sentences, but we did find some in the ads.

We read a selection from a story called *Lewis and Clark and Me*. It was a story written from the perspective of the dog Seaman. It was a funny story, and we enjoyed the part where Seaman swam in the river to catch all the squirrels. Did you know that the Indians didn't have a name for a dog that looked like Seaman? They ended up calling him a Bear-Dog because he looked like a bear instead of the usually scrawny dogs they were used to. We also compared Seaman, with other people that were on the boat with Lewis and Clark.

We continue to talk about engineers, and we are becoming them as well. We read the story of the Three Billy Goats Gruff. In the story, the goats want to get across the river, but the troll under the bridge wants to eat them. We are taking that problem and we are going to solve it by engineering a boat that will float the goats across the river. We are just starting the brainstorming and designing stages. Look forward to pictures of our creations. - Mrs. P and the 4th Graders

Spelling

1. sweet
2. each
3. three
4. least
5. freedom
6. below
7. throat
8. float
9. foam
10. flown
11. greet
12. season
13. croak
14. shallow
15. eagle
16. indeed
17. rainbow
18. grown
19. seaweed
20. hollow
21. Halloween
22. speedometer
23. underneath
24. seacoast
25. cocoa

NEXT WEEK:

- Sept. 26-30 Scholastic Book Fair
- Sept. 26-30 NWEA Testing
- Sept. 29 Grandparents Day Mass
- Sept. 30 Mid Quarter

FUTURE:

- Oct. 7 No School
- Oct. 14 No School SHAS only!!
- Oct. 17 No School
- Oct. 19 Work-a-Thon