

Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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Mass, Well Done

I am so proud of our fourth graders. They stepped up and fully participated in mass last Thursday, leading the school and at home virtual community. Our readers spoke with confidence. We all maneuvered through new ways of being in our church. Where to stand, how to receive the blessing or eucharist, following arrows throughout the space... there is a lot to consider! I told fourth graders "there are no mistakes with prayer". Thank you for supporting your children... having them in full dress uniform, practicing spoken parts and teaching them reverence and respect.

Our middle school students model that same reverence each week in Lent, as they lead the school in one decade of the rosary. This routine usually happens in person but this year is done through shared video. I am so pleased middle school (and their teachers) have responded to our needs. Fourth graders and I use these videos as we pray on Fridays. Check out last week's video, courtesy of OLG middle school: <https://vimeo.com/524547007>

Social Studies, many perspectives:

Thank you, Dana B (Lincoln's mom), for making Burke Museum in a Box happen in our classroom. We are using the "Lewis and Clark" box this week. My favorite lesson so far dealt with perspective. We define perspective as the way a person or group of people understand what happens to them. Perspectives depend on a person's past, culture, age, location, etc. I read aloud "Lewis and Clark Centennial" by Lawson G. Bradley and "For Us, This is Not a Celebration" by Roberta Conner. We discuss perspective from Corps of Discovery expedition member and Northwest Native culture.

We created a classroom exhibit with objects, samples, artifacts and replicas from the Burke Museum Box. I read information on each piece, taken from primary source journal entries or present-day native voices. Students were then assigned a perspective, corps member or tribe, and asked to rate each piece in order of importance.

Flint, Peace Medal, beaver pelt, tobacco, gunpowder, cedar, horses, salmon, compass, bitterroot, cedar, beads, quill for writing... what is of value to one group or another helps inform our understanding of how people interact and history.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, 3-25: Free Dress in Club or Sport Team Gear

Friday, 3-26: Family Group in Zoom, 9AM

Friday, 4-2: noon dismissal, Good Friday

Spring Break from April 5 – April 9

Monday, April 12: Back to school

Homeless and Homebound Care Kit Supply Drive Now – April 1st

OLG Student Council is collecting items for volunteers to sort and package during our OLG Day of Service.

Please send in travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap/bodywash, hand sanitizer and deodorant.

Also needed, baby products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, floss, travel size mouthwash, Chapstick, sunscreen, shaving supplies, feminine hygiene products, lotion, socks, mittens, face masks and warm hats.

Interested in joining the OLG Day of Service? Sign up at

<https://olgseattle.org/day-of-service>