

Mrs. Wilson's Fourth Grade Newsletter

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Prayer of St. Francis

The Archdiocese of Seattle has Fourth graders memorize the Prayer of St. Francis. I typically have students take on this task in class, praying it each day, easily memorized by the end of May. I encourage you to pray this with your child. So often folks tell me this is their go-to prayer in times of conflict. Due dates can be helpful, so I'll set May 28 as the goal for having this down by heart. How to assess? I'll have small groups recite aloud. Perfection not needed.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen

Math: This week we begin our study of decimals. We are now in book "B". That means each and every incomplete page in workbook "A" is up for grabs. Be aware, some complete chapters have been skipped (because they do not align with Common Core Math Standards). These are Chapter 4, Tables and Line Graphs, Chapter 5, Data and Probability. This offers another option for students who want more.

There are two Math in Focus chapters devoted to decimals. We begin with understanding tenths and hundredths. We expand our understanding of place value with rounding and comparing decimals and then name fractions as decimals and decimals as fractions. I am carefully monitoring my pace and student understanding, keeping a steady focus to complete Chapter 7, so we can use our knowledge in Chapter 8: Adding and Subtracting Decimals. See Common Core State Standards: <http://www.corestandards.org/Math/Content/4/NF/-CCSS.Math.Content.4.NF.C.6>

From Math in Focus School to Home Connections: Decimals are used to show amounts that are parts of a whole. Encourage your child to keep an eye out for instances where decimals are used. (For example, distance shown on an odometer, prices of most items at the supermarket, bank interest rates, a 1.5 liter bottle of juice and so on.) Use this activity to help your child practice some of the skills she or he has learned.

- ✓ Use playing cards to make two sets of cards with the numbers 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10.
- ✓ Have your child pick two number cards from the stack and form proper and improper fractions using the two numbers. Make four such fractions.
- ✓ Ask your child to write these fractions as decimals and then order them from least to greatest.

Dates to Remember:

Thursday, April 22: All School Mass, 4th attends via livestream and zoom.

Saturday, April 24: Day of Service
Interested in joining the OLG Day of Service? Sign up at

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

Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 PM: Parent Org Meeting via zoom

Thursday, May 20: All School Mass, 4th attends via livestream and zoom.

Thursday, May 27: Field Day, More information to come

Monday, May 31: Memorial Day, No School

Wednesday, June 2: Light of Leadership Mass, All School Mass, 4th attends via livestream and zoom.

Friday, June 11: Last day of school, more information to come!