



Ms. Santiago's Fourth Grade Newsletter

April 2026

The Resurrection of Jesus is upon us...May God's peace be with you. If you ever have questions regarding your child's classwork or grades, please feel free to contact us.

Holy Savior has two school rules - 1) It is never okay to be hurtful; and 2) It is never okay to interfere with the learning of others.

We are in need of the following items in our classroom. If you could help out that would be greatly appreciated. Our needs are:

COPY PAPER

PAPER TOWELS

DISINFECTANT WIPES

We are currently in the season of temperamental weather. In the event your child cannot attend school due to the weather, please encourage your child to log in to MobyMax and Lexia. MobyMax and Lexia are vital programs incorporated into our daily schedule. Students are still striving to meet class goals and earn incentives for staying on task and getting minutes in these programs. At the beginning of the school year I provided the log in information; however, if you need another copy please let me know.

April 1 begins our summer uniform. Beginning Wednesday, April 1 students can wear shorts and red, white, black polo style shirts.

State assessment season is upon us! We will begin our state assessments on April 8 with ELA and then finish the following week with Math. Our social studies assessment project is due on April 1. The students have been working on the projects in class. Please help your child prepare for state assessments by getting some rest, eating breakfast, and encourage them to do their best. If you would like to donate snacks (fruit snacks, mints) for our class that would be appreciated. Also please encourage your child to bring a book with them to school so they can read after completing their test. The students have been taking notes in class and should have their notes with them every evening so that they can study.

We will be out of school on Good Friday, April 3 and Easter Monday, April 6.

As in previous years, we have one day for birthday celebrations, this month's celebration date will be April 23. We will provide notification in advance of the next birthday celebration. If you would like to bring goodies for your child's birthday, please know that I am asking for 1) healthy snacks (Capri-sun, apple snacks,

prepackaged cheez-its, fruit snacks, string cheese, Little Debbie cakes); and 2) pre-packaged items. If you are unsure of what you would like to send to school, please contact the office.

We attend Mass twice a week. Our Mass days are Thursdays and Fridays. Please do your best to have your child at school no later than 8:00 a.m. to ensure they can participate in Mass. Our Thursday Mass is at 2:00 in the afternoon. If you pick up your child early from school on Thursday, please allow for extra time as we walk from church to class to gather belongings and return to the office.

On Wednesdays we have late start days. School will begin at 9:00 a.m. Morning extended day is not available. Breakfast will be served at 8:30 a.m.

BMPH is Bernie's Math Power Hour! Students will receive a math packet each Tuesday. They have an opportunity to complete the packet during their BMPH time, and then finish the packet at home. Each packet is due the following Wednesday. Our BMPH packets are a great review for students as many of the math problems are directly related to our Fourth Grade Standards.

UVSaturday School is every Saturday from 9:00-11:00a with Dr. Reeves. UVSaturday school is a great way for your child to learn more about African American history, culture and traditions. In addition, there is time set aside for students to complete missing schoolwork. If your child has any missing work, I will be recommending they attend UVSaturday school. More often than not, I will be on campus in the classroom preparing for the upcoming week. Students are welcome to attend, they do not need to be assigned by administration or myself. For more information on UVSaturday school, contact the school office.

ELA:

SPELLING: As we are nearing the end of our spelling curriculum, students are encouraged to finish the assignments and complete any and all late/missing work. Students are still required to complete the packets and write their spelling words ten times each. Spelling quizzes are given on Thursdays.

READING: We are currently doing a book study in class. We are reading Judy Blume's Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing. The students are enjoying the book and learning to listen for details as the book is read. Daily revisits are helping students tie in and understand the comprehension aspect of Reading as well as connecting the dots with elements of reading - characters, setting, conflict, resolution, etc. This is helping students while preparing for bigger tasks - such as state assessments and MAP testing.

GRAMMAR: We are reviewing parts of speech from prepositions and prepositional phrases to conjunctions, subjects and predicates as well punctuation, spelling, capitalization, etc.

WRITING: We will have a writing prompt this month. The prompt is the beginning of a reflection for students. The theme for the prompt is "Looking back on this year..." As students begin to work on this, there will be opportunities for students to reflect at home. Please encourage and help your child to brainstorm on ideas that are more reflective of their thoughts and not of their classmate or table-mate. This also offers an opportunity to see how they have progressed through the school year.

Please encourage your student to study their notes every evening. In the event the students have misplaced their composition notebooks, please remind them to ask for a new one. Taking notes and being prepared is very important.

MATH: We are currently working on Order of Operations. Because this unit relies heavily on the operation determining the steps, students have a difficult time. The tried and true acronym helps students remember the "first, next, next..." - PEMDAS - Parenthesis, Exponents, Multiplication, Division, Addition, Subtraction - *Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally*; if you hear students saying this multiple times at home, this is why! Keep encouraging them as this unit can be very trying and frustrating for the students. Please encourage your student to study his/her notes every evening. In the event the students have misplaced their composition notebooks, please remind them to ask for a new one. Taking notes and being prepared is very important.

SOCIAL STUDIES: Students will work on finalizing their Social Studies assessment project. We are also finishing our unit on the branches of government. This information is very important for the students to understand. As we finish branches we will dive into the Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights and how laws are created.

SCIENCE: This month in Science we will learn about plant life and plant structure. The students will follow and maintain a plant log of the rooting of a plant. Students will be asked to log daily information. This is an exciting unit for students because once the plants begin to root, the excitement for the students begin.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call me at the school. My goal is to have an open dialogue with you as parents to help your child succeed. Additionally, if something is going on outside of school, which would cause your child to be distracted or need additional support, please feel comfortable to keep me informed. If your child had a difficult evening or morning, I want to know so I can help them be successful in school.

Thank you so much for entrusting me with your child's education.. God Bless!

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IMPORTANT DATES:

1-24 - State Assessments
27-May 8 - MAP Testing
3 - NO SCHOOL - Good Friday
6 - NO SCHOOL - Easter Monday
23 - April Birthday Celebration Day
24 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-Service

LATE START DATES - April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Tag days will be a weekly Administration decision.