

## St. Rita's School

### Fourth Grade News of the Week

February 6, 2012



Now that the second semester has started, it might be time to re-visit study habits. Does your child have a specific place to study? It's a good idea to have a spot where he/she can sit down at a desk or table where you can see them. And studying at the same time of day everyday helps, too, because routine is important.

*Reading and writing down notes are some of the best ways to study; it's also important to teach time management when you're working. One way to study is to form the titles of pages into questions and then to read to find the answer. Try it. It works! A suggestion from psychologists is to prohibit kids from multitasking (e.g. talking on the phone, playing a video game, or watching TV while studying) – our brains can't handle it. Finally, reinforce why learning is important...it's all good!*

I am trying to encourage your children's good qualities by making them responsible for their actions. I have asked that their assignment books be initialed by you each night so that you know what they are learning/doing. I have told the students that it is their responsibility to ask you to sign. They know the consequences!

Baby Jesus Studying  
With His Sheep



#### Subject Tidbits

##### Religion

- Chap. 13 - The Church and Christians work together
- 7 Sacraments, the Church, and life
- Christ's mission
- Quiz on Friday

##### Reading

- More about nonfiction
- “Juneteenth”
- Timelines, themes
- Poetry devices: couplets, repetition, rhythm

##### Language Arts

- Spelling Lesson 20; test on Friday
- Reminder: Ask your child about their mystery story project. It is called “Character Cards” and is due **Monday, Feb. 13.**
- More about writing and revising essays, and understanding plot and characters when we write

*Congratulations to Edward, for his victory in the Spelling Bee last week, and to Vivian for her Third Place finish. We have great spellers in fourth grade!*

##### Math

- More about division with 2-digit divisors
- Correcting quotients and estimating
- Choosing which operation to use
- Problem solving

##### Social Studies

- California's constitutional convention
- California statehood
- Women who were influential in California's early days
- New towns and cities

##### Science

- Weather and safety
- The make-up of the earth and how earthquakes change the earth's surface
- Weather reporting assignment due tomorrow, Tuesday, Feb. 7;** we learn about how meteorologists predict the weather.



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