



## Sunday, November 1, 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Weekly Information

### **FROM THE TEACHERS:**

**Jane Schaffer Method** - In ELA, the Fourth Grade teachers will introduce the Jane Schaffer method of writing to our students. This is a structured writing program that will be used from Fourth grade through Eighth grade here at St. Junipero Serra school. In Fourth grade we will introduce the students to the mechanics of the writing and write several essays throughout the year using this writing method. Most of the writing will be done in class and will include the introductory paragraph next week, the Mission Report in January, and the Saint Junipero Serra report in March. Please ask your student about this writing method and look for their writing samples to come home throughout the year.

**Novel** - In early November, the Fourth Grade classes will begin reading our first novel. This will take the place of the Wonders reading program for the months of November and December. The books will be given out in class and read in class. We will use the novels to introduce concepts such as Figurative Language, Plot and Character Development, Response to Reading paragraphs, and Annotating a story. This work will be done in class. Students should not read ahead in their novel as the class needs to stay together to maximize the learning process. If a student is absent, their teacher may ask them to read on their own to catch up with the class. We encourage you to talk to your student about the novel they are reading. Have them give you a summary of each chapter or week's reading, help them with the spelling and vocabulary words introduced in each chapter, and prepare for the comprehension quizzes as they occur. We are excited to begin reading our novels as they are always a highlight of the Fourth Grade curriculum!

### **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS & REMINDERS:**

Time Change Reminder: Did you set your clock back one hour?

Grace and Blessings,

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