



FOURTH GRADE NEWS
Second Quarter
HAPPY NEW YEAR 2010
Week of January 4 - 8



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Thank you so much for all the beautiful Christmas cards, good wishes, and presents. I am grateful for your kindness and thoughtfulness. I had a wonderful vacation! It was a great time to catch up with family. I had a chance to get in some extra sleep, see The Blind Side (great movie!), and cheer for our Chargers. Then as an annual tradition, we ended the year and beginning the new year with a little skiing and time in the snow! I hope the New Year brings health, hope, and peace to every family!!

Mrs. Patacsil

HOMEWORK

Monday, January 4

I will be teaching the fourth graders in the afternoons. Ms. Ramos will be out this week. There was a death in her family last week. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

- 1) Math: Excel 33 homework
- 2) Spelling: L. 15 Spelling Relay due Thursday
- 3) Language Arts: Write 5 personal New Year's Resolutions. Form going home today. Write 5 personal New Year's Resolutions - Personal, family, spiritual, academic and physical (one for each). Then write ways you are going to reach those goals. Due Friday
- 4) Read for 20 min. No AR report today. If your child was not ready to work on their powerpoint today, they will probably have to stay after school to work on it in the computer lab. Please ask your child.
- 5) Memorize: Greatest Commandment

PERMISSION SLIP FOR THE CABRILLO FIELD TRIP GO HOME TODAY due next Monday

Tuesday, January 5

- 1) Math: Excel 34 homework
- 2) Spelling: Spelling book pp. 62 - 63
- 3) Language Arts: Write 5 personal New Year's Resolutions
- 4) Read for 20 min.
- 5) Social Studies: finish vocabulary on Social Studies packet, Explorers.

Wednesday, January 6 - Mass at 8:30

- 1) Math: Excel 35 homework
- 2) Language Arts: Write 5 personal New Year's Resolutions
- 3) Spelling: p. 64, words missed 5 times each
- 4) Reading: 20 minutes

Thursday, January 7

- 1) Math: Excel 36 homework
- 2) Language Arts: Write 5 personal New Year's Resolutions
- 3) Spelling: 5 powerful sentences
- 4) Reading: 20 minutes

Parent signature in homework planner

Friday, January 8

½ day and free dress for everyone

Awards in the Hall 11:40

Weekly Tests/Quizzes:

- ✚ AR Book Report is due Friday, January 29.
- ✚ The January Packet is due Friday, Jan. 29.
- ✚ End of 2nd Quarter – January 8
- **Spelling** Ls. 15 – Test Friday 1/18
- **Reading** Reading *The Storm* test next week
- **Religion Ch. 8 Test on Friday**
- ✚ AR Book Report is due January 29. Students will prepare a two- to three- minute news bulletin telling the *who, what, when, where, why, and how* of their book. See sheet in how to write a News Bulletin. Yes, it will be videotaped in the classroom. Or do a **Book Report – Diorama**.

IMPORTANT DATES

End of 2nd Quarter – January 8

Monday, January 18

NO SCHOOL – Observance of Martin Luther King Birthday

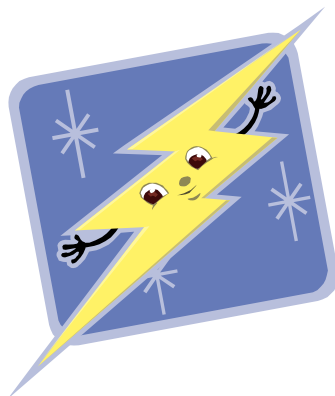
Field Trip to Cabrillo – January 12 8:45 to 1:30

Report Cards Jan. 22

Week of Jan. 31 Catholic Schools Week

School Auction Feb. 5

Go Chargers!



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Classes By Advisor | Kathleen Patacsil | San Diego Area Stock Market Game

Class Name	Team Ids	Ranking Information	Total Equity	% Return Above/Below S&P 500 Growth
Mrs. Patacsil Region Name: Elementary Grades 4-6	Team 1	Regional: 5	\$111,790.55	4.2734
	Team 2	Regional: 17	\$102,050.22	(5.4669)
	Team 3	Regional: 2	\$114,269.25	6.7521
	Team 4	Regional: 1	\$117,031.14	9.5140
	Team 5	Regional: 11	\$103,537.28	(3.9798)
	Team 6	Regional: 4	\$112,071.19	4.5540
	Team 7	Regional: 8	\$108,919.31	1.4021
	Team 8	Regional: 41 Out of 43 teams!!	\$98,412.61	(9.1045)

Coordinator Rankings

as of 12/19/2009

S&P500 Value: 1102.4700

Coordinator: 25 out of 284

Rank	Team ID	Total Equity	% Return Above/Below S&P 500 Growth	Region	School / Organization	Advisor / Participant
1	CSD_28_ZZ141	\$127,344.89	19.8277	High School Grades 9-12	LA COSTA CANYON HIGH	McCormick, Joe
2	CSD_28_ZZ202	\$122,547.73	17.4845	High School Grades 9-12	BONITA VISTA SENIOR HIGH	Goetz, Diane
3	CSD_28_ZZ192	\$118,981.51	13.9183	High School Grades 9-12	BONITA VISTA SENIOR HIGH	Goetz, Diane
4	CSD_28_ZZ6	\$119,207.66	11.6905	Middle School Grades 7-8	PARKWAY MIDDLE	Stewart, Kristi
5	Team 4	\$117,031.14	9.5140	Elementary Grades 4-6	ST PIUS X SCHOOL	Patacsil, Kathleen

How to Make a Diorama

Introduction

A diorama is a mini-world--an entire landscape in a box. You can create your own little world of model figures that can appear as a freeze frame of a historic event or anything else you want to create. Here's how to build your own diorama.

Instructions

Step One

Decide on a scale. This is key, because a diorama becomes believable to the extent that it looks "real."

Step Two

Collect your materials--human and/or animal figures, palm trees or sugar cubes to build an igloo, or doll house furniture and miniature foods for an interior scene.

Step Three

Decide on a background--you can paint or draw your own or use wallpaper or wrapping paper or anything else you can find. Remember, though, that the background images should be consistent with the scale you've chosen.

Step Four

Choose a container. Many children's school projects use cardboard boxes or shoe boxes. It should be light but fairly sturdy, especially if you will need to move the diorama around.

Step Five

Build your diorama working from the back to the front. Start with the background by creating a horizon and sky/ceiling and ground/floor. Then place large objects such as trees. The smallest objects should be placed the closest to the front. Use glue or putty to secure the objects.

[Tips & Warnings](#)

- If cutouts are too thin to stand by themselves, back them with cardboard.