



# The Home Field Advantage

The parent newsletter for Mrs. Ennis's and Mrs. Walsh's third grade classes



## *Coming Events*

October 1

- Pizza Hut Book-It coupons start

October 7

- PTA Meeting – 7 pm – Media Center

October 9

- No School – Yom Kippur

October 13

- Open House from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm

October 16

- MSA Testing Information Night – 6–8pm

October 17

- No School – MSTA Convention

October 31

- Marking Period Ends
- Halloween Parade and Parties

November 3

- No School for students

November 4

- No School – Election Day

November 7

- Sally Foster Pick-Up in Cafeteria

## *Science and Social Studies*

- In Science we are continuing with our study of Crime Lab Chemistry.
- In Social Studies we are studying Maps and Globes. Students are learning about the compass rose, major map features and geographic locations.
- We are also studying science issues through the National Geographic: Explorer! magazine that your child receives in class.

## *Math*

❖ Mrs. Ennis is currently finishing Unit 1.

- Addition and subtraction of two- and three-digit numbers with regrouping.
- Estimation and Rounding
- Place Value
- Problem Solving
- Graphing and Data Analysis
- The test will cover place value, estimation, patterns, subtraction with regrouping, and graphing, and will be given the last week in October.

❖ Mrs. Walsh is currently teaching the geometry portion of Unit 1.

- Acute, right, and obtuse angles
- Sides, edges, vertices and faces of solid figures
- Construct circles, triangles, and quadrilaterals given their dimensions
- Line relationships: parallel, perpendicular, intersecting
- Identify, label, and describe points, lines, line segments, and rays
- Continue practicing range, mean, median, mode, graphs, line plots, stem-and-leaf, and place value

Remember to practice for weekly math facts tests. Directions have been sent home separately to tell you how you can practice at [www.harcourtschool.com](http://www.harcourtschool.com) and at [http://www.mrmyers.org/Math\\_Mania/math.html](http://www.mrmyers.org/Math_Mania/math.html)





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## Reading and Language Arts

### Independent Reading

Every third grader must read 25 books before the end of the year. Book-It starts this month as a reading incentive program to help the children reach this goal. You received calendar packets earlier this term to help your child track his/her progress. Many students have begun turning in projects from the packet. Your child should have completed three or more projects by now.

### Reading For Literary Experience

We will continue learning about characters, setting, problems, events, solutions, and the plot of the story. Understanding these elements helps us understand the story, make connections and predict what will happen next. We will also learn how good readers use before, during and after reading strategies to help them get the most out of what they read.

### Writing

All third grade students have written "The Important Thing" about themselves. These are displayed down the hall from the cafeteria. Come in and take a look! We are always working on our BCR writing skills. We will soon be writing poems using sensory details.

### Spelling and Vocabulary

Spelling tests will continue every other week. Each group is focusing on different spelling patterns. Children need to use this knowledge to improve their writing. Beginning this month, capitalization errors on spelling tests will result in point loss. We have finished studying common nouns and proper nouns to help us learn when to capitalize words. This month we will focus on using adjectives. Vocabulary tests will occur on the alternate weeks. We are studying synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms to improve our written and spoken vocabularies and word choice.



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