



NOVEMBER THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The third grade team is looking forward to conferencing with all of you during the month of November. Open communication between home and school is a wonderful opportunity for students to get the support that they need. We continue to work very hard to insure success for all students.

As the first quarter comes to an end, the third graders are getting more comfortable using their daily assignment books. It is extremely important for students to form strong organizational skills in the primary years to help them throughout their total school experience. Please continue to review your child's assignments every night.

"Wednesday Folders" are a valuable tool to assess your child's progress. Taking the time to celebrate successes and assist with weaknesses can establish the importance we place on education. A student's ability to succeed starts with a positive attitude. Reading strategies such as making connections, asking questions, determining importance, and visualizing have been modeled in the classroom through think-alouds and read-alouds. Students continue to practice these strategies in order to form lifelong habits to improve comprehension.

As you probably know, the third graders have begun their "Writer's Notebooks" and are loving it! Each student has their own book decorated with artifacts to call their own.

In addition, your child has begun word studies, sorts, hunts, and much, much more. Check out the spelling/word study journal. It's a great way to help learn spelling patterns. As the essential question says..."What strategies do readers and writers use to become better spellers?"

Our crime lab mysteries continue to intrigue our students. They are learning important facts about collecting evidence and solving problems. We are pleased to report that the third graders are now inquiring about detective work.

In math, we have taught unit 1A Place Value, 1B Addition and Subtraction, and 1C Data Analysis. Students rounded numbers, used various estimating strategies, and displayed data in several different forms. You can always reinforce learning by asking questions while in the grocery store. Your child can help round prices and estimate the cost of your grocery order. Our next unit includes measurement. Unit 2A is linear measurement and 2B includes area and perimeter.

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Please check out the packet of information that was sent home about helping your child with math facts. We hope you find this helpful. Please make practicing facts a part of your daily schedule. Third graders are challenged to learn math facts. The students are graphing their data and keeping track of their own progress. Have Fun!

The students are enjoying cursive writing. They are learning not to lift their pencils until the entire word is written and how to write with a slant. They are working hard to form each letter correctly.

The third grade team appreciates all of the parent support we have received. We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your involvement.

Sincerely,
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STOP AND THINK

PREVIOUS SKILLS TAUGHT ARE: LISTENING,
ASKING FOR HELP, FOLLOWING DIRECTIONS
NEW SKILL FOR NOVEMBER IS: APOLOGIZING



Best Wishes for a
Happy and Healthy
Thanksgiving Season!

NOVEMBER **Events and Reminders**

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MONDAY, NOV. 2ND
REPORT CARD PREPARATION

EARLY RELEASE DAYS

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 11TH – CONFERENCES
THURSDAY, NOV. 12TH – CONFERENCES

EARLY RELEASE DAY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25TH

THANKSGIVING BREAK

SCHOOL CLOSED

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH