

Grade 3 Bulletin

October/November 2011 Edition

Event Reminders for November:

- October 17th Field Trip to Brookside
- October 21st-No School
- October 31st-No School
- November 10-11th Early Release Days (parent teacher conferences)
- November 23rd-Early Release (1/2 Day)
- November 24-25th No school (Thanksgiving)

Reading

We are working on character traits, setting, problem and solution and are reading realistic fiction stories. We will move on to *Reading to be Informed* and will read non-fiction books to identify text features and the purpose for reading. Many of our non-fiction books will be plant or bee related to tie in with the science curriculum. We will read to find the main idea, author's purpose, sequencing and cause and effect.

Writing

Students continue to write in their Writer's Notebook and are *Writing for Personal Expression*. We are focusing on the five senses (sight, sound, etc) and we will begin "publishing" a chosen piece soon.

Social Studies

In Social Studies this quarter we will continue dealing with economics and resources of a region (goods/services produced, natural, human and capital resources, etc.). We will also move to geographic characteristics of an area and some mapping skills.

Science

We are continuing our study of plant growth and development. Students have planted their Wisconsin Fast Plants. They are using their observational skills to track the life cycle of their plants and record it's growth in their science journals. We will then study the theme of

interdependence and explore the reasons why the bee and the flower need each other. The students will be asked to construct a bee model. Information about the bee project will be sent home at a later date.

Math- Lehmkuhl/Vigna

We are working on number relationships. We have worked to identify place columns and values of numbers through 1,000,000. Next, we will work on our computation skills of numbers through 10,000. We will also spend time working with numeric and non-numeric patterns. Later in the unit, we will work on algebra and functions. We will conclude unit 1 by working on statistics. We will work with data sets and form several different types of graphs including bar and pictographs. Please encourage your child to complete assigned homework because it reinforces the material covered in class.

Keep practicing at home!

Math- Boyar

We are working on place value, angles, lines and line segments, polygons, mean, median, and mode, along with line graphs, bar graphs, line plots, and line graphs. The Unit one review packet will be coming home the week of October 10th. Students are not expected to have additional homework but are expected to be working on the packet each night. The Unit one test will be given October 19th and 20th. If you haven't purchased a compass for your child, please make sure to do so, they will need it for the rest of their math career!

Reminders at home:

Students should be reading for 20 minutes a night and working on their Reading Logs (due at the end of the month). Also, please encourage and remind students that they are responsible for completing/turning in homework each day.

*We look forward to seeing everyone at conferences. Please see/write your child's teacher if you have not signed up yet.

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team