

Third Grade Gator News!!

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Special points of interest:

- To coincide with our outer space research project, third graders will visit the Air and Space Museum in Washington, DC. Be sure to turn in your permission slip and money.

Upcoming Events:

12/1: Newsletters come home; Make Up Picture Day; Study Circles at 6:30 p.m.
12/2-12/9: Book Fair in Media Center
12/5: Interims come home
12/6: PTA Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in Media Center
12/8: Third Grade Field Trip to Air and Space Museum
12/13: Staff Cookie Buffet provided by Gibbs PTA; Gibbs Spirit Night at IHOP in Germantown
12/20 Hannukah begins
12/23: Winter Sing Event
12/26/11-1/2/12: Winter Break! No School for Staff and Students!
1/3/12: School Resumes

Contact Information

Reading

During the month of December, students will explore and identify characteristics of the folk tale genre by identifying the main idea of the story and using key points to summarize the stories they have read.

Through the use of the Junior Great Books program, students will also practice asking questions to clarify their understanding of a text.

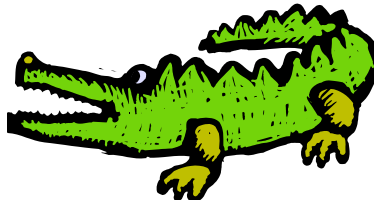
Writing

During the month of December students will continue to write to inform. Students have researched an outer space topic using the AGOPP note-taking method. Each student will now use his/her notes to publish an informative brochure using Microsoft Publisher.

December

Science

Students are now ready for our sound unit! They will be identifying different sound waves, and how the length of an object can affect the type of sound vibrations created.



Housekeeping Items

- Donations of hand sanitizer would be greatly appreciated!
- Please check and sign your child's assignment book nightly.
- Third graders will be eating lunch at 11:20. If you would like your child to have an afternoon working snack (granola bar, pretzels, crackers) please provide one.

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Social Studies

Students will be finishing our economic resources unit and moving into our mapping skills unit. They will be creating and identifying maps, as well as determining the various human and physical characteristics that can be found on different types of maps.

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