

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Glen Haven Elementary School January Newsletter

Important Dates:

Winter Break	Dec 24 - Jan 2
Reading Night	January 12
7:00-8:30 p.m.	
Drama Club	January
Carnival	13
4:00-9:00 p.m.	3:30-9
Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday	January 16
3rd Grade Parent Night	January 18
6:00-7:00 p.m.	
2nd Marking Period Ends	January 20
Professional Day (No School)	January 23

Current Academic Units

Our students continue to work hard every day in class to do their best! In Ms. Calkins's, Mrs. Stevenson's, and Ms. Harris' Math classes, we are working on our third unit which focuses on multiplication. We are working on learning all of our multiplication facts and applying them to word problems. In addition to those multiplication facts, we also continue to work on memorizing our basic addition and subtraction. In Ms. Mendes' Math class we are working on our third unit which focuses on decimals, probability, and fractions (mixed numbers and improper fractions). Please make sure that your child practices their multiplication facts over winter break. We will send home a homework packet. Our new science unit is fingerprinting, which has begun and will continue into the new year. Students are learning how to read a fingerprint and how fingerprints are used to solve mysteries. Students will also

continue to learn about the life cycle of bees and other insects. For Reading/Language Arts, we continue to be hard at work learning how to comprehend various texts and write Brief Constructed Responses (BCRs). Also in Reading, we have begun a study which will continue through January, learning the characteristics of folktales and fables and comparing and contrasting a variety of stories. Reading and writing continues to be incorporated throughout the curriculum and is part of each subject that is taught every day.



HOMEWORK EXPECTATIONS

Parents, you are our partners. Please try to make sure that your child does the following each night:

- Read for more than 30 minutes.
- Complete all homework assignments.
- Write neatly on all assignments.
- Put their homework folder in their backpacks.

Parent/Teacher Connection

The third grade teachers at Glen Haven Elementary are here every day for your children; and we want to be here for you, too! If you have any questions or concerns about anything your child is experiencing at school (academic or social), please do not hesitate to call upon us to help. We can have a phone conference or meet in person to discuss any issues. Together, we can work it out!

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Parent Night

On Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 6p.m. we will have a parent night presented by the third grade team. We will review the MCPS curriculum and share various strategies, games, and websites that you can use with your child to help him/her progress in both reading and math. We will discuss the MSA and how this test affects your child as well as suggest things you can do at home to help him/her prepare. Child care will be provided. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like to donate food or snacks.