

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Glen Haven Elementary School October Newsletter

Important Dates:

Picture Day	Oct. 3
PTA meeting	Oct. 4
Open House	Oct. 10
Parent Night 6-7:00 PM	Oct. 19
No School MSTA Conference	Oct. 21
Halloween Parade & Party 1:30	Oct. 28
No School	Oct. 31

Current Academic Units

Our students are starting out the year working hard to do their best! In Ms. Calkins', Ms. Harris' and Ms. Stevenson's Math classes, we are currently studying place value, estimation, and rounding. We are also working on memorizing the basic addition, subtraction and multiplication facts. In Ms. Mendes' Math class, we are studying multiplication and division strategies, place value, and data analysis. In Social Studies during the month of October, we will review what we learned in second grade and introduce concepts of economic resources and geography. Science brings us many activities involving planting. Through October and November, we will study plant growth and development as well as the life cycle of a honey bee. For Reading/Language Arts, we have been hard at work learning how to use reading strategies to comprehend various texts and write Brief Constructed Responses (BCRs).

Also in Reading, we will read a variety of books with reading groups, and learn about story elements such as characters, setting, problem, and solution. Reading and Writing is 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 at least 30 minutes.
- Complete all homework assignments.
- Write neatly on all assignments.
- Put the student's homework folder in their backpack.

Parent Conferences

November 10th and 11th are parent conference days. Please be on the lookout for information concerning scheduling. It will be sent home with the students sometime in October. Conferences are scheduled on a first come, first served basis.

If you would like to have a conference before this time, please contact your child's teacher. We look forward to meeting with you!

Helping Your Child Achieve

- Make sure your child has a quiet place to study and complete homework. Check your child's agenda book with him or her to make sure they have done all tasks assigned.
- Attend school functions such as Math Night and Reading Night to make sure your child knows you want to be involved in his or her education.
- Read with your child!!
- Go over papers which come home to see how your child performed on their class work.
- Don't hesitate to call your child's homeroom or Math teacher if you have a concern so it may be resolved in a timely manner.