



Third Grade Press

Welcome to the Third Grade Press! This newsletter will be sent home at the beginning of each month to inform third grade families about curriculum and upcoming events.

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Reading- Students will be participating in an author study on Cynthia Rylant. We will identify ways her life has affected her writing, and create our own books based on her picture book When I Was Young in the Mountains.

Writing- Students are working on taking a special memory through the writing process. We are creating well developed paragraphs that include

a topic sentence, details, and a concluding sentence.

Math 3- Students continue to work on Unit One. We have recently finished our study of place value, patterns, and estimation. In the coming month we will be working on graphing and data analysis to finish up the unit. The Unit One assessment will take place at the end of this month.

Math 4- Students are finishing up Unit 1A on geometry. We will begin Unit 1B on data and statistics at the end of next week, followed by Unit 1C on number relationships.

Science- Our crime lab chemistry unit is well under way. Students will continue to work on fingerprinting as well as learn about chromatography.



Important Dates

10/6 PTA
meeting and
volunteer training

10/12 Open
House

10/30 Halloween
Party

Noteworthy News

Room Parent's Wanted

Ms. Jeffcott and Ms. Dobridge's classes are still looking for one room parent each. Room parents are in charge of planning class parties. If you are able to help please let us know.

Halloween Party

The Halloween Parties will be held Friday, October 30 2009. Students should bring their Halloween costumes to school. The parade will be at 2:00. Parties will take place following the parade in homerooms.

Mega Math

Every Monday, beginning on October 5, students will have math from 1-2:55. This longer block will enable teachers to focus on reteaching and extension, as well as allowing the students to participate in activities to improve number sense and mathematical reasoning.

Donations Needed

Listening to books on CD is a great way for students to improve fluency. We are looking for Discman and headphones to used in reading class. If you have any that are in working condition, please send them in!

