

# Third Grade News

November 2009



## Upcoming Dates and Events

11/2 Professional Day (No school for students)  
11/3 Second Marking Period Begins  
11/3 PTA Meeting-7:00  
11/11-11/12 Report Card Distribution (11/11); Early Release Days; Parent-Teacher Conferences  
11/17 Town Hall Meeting- 6:30  
11/25 Early Release for students  
11/26-11/29 Thanksgiving Vacation; No school

## Teacher and Student Jobs

### Reading

Our students have been learning about text features and their importance when reading an informational text. They are also using their background knowledge to generate questions about the subject. As a student reads, they refer back to their questions to monitor their

understanding and reinforce new information.

### Writing

We are using our Scholastic News and National Geographic Explorer magazines in our classes to explore informational writing styles. These magazines are loaded with high interest, timely news articles and a variety of text features. We are focusing on why a particular text feature is used and what additional information we can gain from it.

### Math

Students are using standard and metric measurement tools to measure many objects in our classrooms. They are measuring to the nearest inch,  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch and  $\frac{1}{4}$  inch. In addition, students are solving word problems using mental math to calculate the area needed to fit several items in a region.

In Ms. Maloney's class students are learning about multiplication and division and how to apply it to equations and real world situations. The students will also be learning about multiples and factors of numbers.

## **Social Studies**

Students have been learning about geographical characteristics (physical features and human-made features). They are applying this knowledge to the real world by exploring their world around them at McNair.

## **Science**

Our detectives have utilized the scientific process to observe and record the changes to several ink types when chromatography paper is dipped in water.

## **Parent Jobs**

We look forward to meeting with you and discussing your child's academic and social progress at conferences. Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher via assignment notebooks, Learning Skills Folders and email. Please also make sure to send in more disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizers as the flu season is here. In addition, please remind your child to dress in layers as the weather continues to change.

Students will be bringing their Data Notebooks home soon for you to review. Please check over each graph page your child has charted and read their

thoughts on the Reflection page. Your response is incredibly important to your child and to their teacher. Please take the time to make this vital component of the Data Notebook experience meaningful for you child.

Please review nightly basic facts with your child. It is important that they are practicing and memorizing their facts so they will be able to solve problems more efficiently.

We hope that everyone has a wonderful holiday and safe holiday!

The Third Grade Team

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Mrs. Shull

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