

Third Grade News

December 2011



Upcoming Dates and Events

**12/1/11: Chick-Fil-A Night;
PTA Meeting @7PM**

**12/8/11 McNair Reading
Night @ 7pm**

**12/15/11 Winter Concert @
6:30PM**

**12/26/11-1/2/12 Winter
Vacation: No School!**

1/3/12 School Resumes

Teacher and Student Jobs

Reading

Our students are studying text features in their non-fiction texts. They are creating posters that demonstrate their knowledge for various text features. We are also learning about main idea and what strategies we can use to determine the main idea in a text.

Writing

We are writing to inform. We will complete a procedural writing that is intended to demonstrate the importance of creating directions and putting steps/procedures in sequence.

Math

Students will be completing unit 2 (area and perimeter). They will take their assessment for unit 2 on December 6th and 7th. The new unit will focus on then multiplication and division. In Ms. Maloney's math class, students are preparing to complete unit 2 (multiplication, division, and algebra). The unit assessment will be given December 22nd and December 23rd. Students will start unit 3 before the winter break and will study probability, fractions and decimals and their relationship to one another.

Students should continue to study their multiplication and division facts! Please make sure that you are practicing with your child daily so they can solve problems quickly and efficiently.

Social Studies

Students are studying the changes in cities and how they relate to transportation systems and the natural features. We are also learning about the effects humans have on the natural features.

Science

We are completing our crime lab unit! Students have been learning about the effects of

chromatography and how chromatography is used to solve crimes. In our next unit, we will study sound and focus on concepts such as pitch and volume. We will conduct experiments that demonstrates how sound is created.

Parent Jobs

Please continue to communicate with your child's teacher through their assignment notebooks and their Learning Skills Folders.

Students will bring their Data Notebooks home during the second quarter. Please check over each graph page your child has charted and read their thoughts on the Reflection Page. Your response is important to your child and to the teacher. Please take the time to make this vital component of the Data Notebook a meaningful experience for your child.

The third grade classes need your help! We are out of supplies necessary to our classrooms. We would appreciate it if you could please send in wipes, hand sanitizers, soap, and pencils as our storage is starting to deplete. Please also remember to dress your child accordingly to the weather.

If you possibly can, send in \$5 Holiday donation to your child's teacher. We are excited about the holiday activities we will be doing, but we need your generous support in order to accomplish this!

Please make sure that your children are handing in their book talk slips throughout the quarter. It is important the children read daily to improve their fluency and comprehension skills.

It is hard to imagine that 2011 will be coming to an end! Thank you for all that you, the parents and guardians do to help make your children successful!

The Third Grade Team
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