

Third Grade News

November 2011



Upcoming Dates and Events

11/1 **Second Marking Period begins**
11/6 **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME - SET CLOCKS BACK 1 HOUR!!**
11/10-11/11 **Report Card Distribution (11/10); Early Release Days; Parent-Teacher Conferences**
11/15 **Town Hall Meeting @6:30PM**
11/18 **5:30 & 6:30 PTA Dinner**
11/23 **Early Release Day; 12:55 Dismissal**
11/24-11/25 **Thanksgiving Vacation; No school**

Teacher and Student Jobs

Reading

Our students will be completing the realistic fiction unit and then begin the non-fiction unit. In this unit, students will be 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 will be focusing on multiplication, division, and algebra concepts.

Social Studies

Students have been studying needs and wants and how these

aspects relate to economic resources. Students will also be learning about producers/consumers and how these 2 kinds of people affect the economy in our society. Later, we will be focusing on geographical characteristics (physical features and human-made features). They will apply this knowledge to the real world by exploring their world around them at McNair.

Science

Our detectives will be developing hypotheses about the chemical reactions of pens and water (chromatography). They will then test their hypotheses by experimenting and observing their findings.

Parent Jobs

We enjoyed 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 approaches.** 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 your child.

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

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