

Third Grade News

September 2011



Upcoming Dates and Events

MAP-R DATES and TIMES:

- 8/31: Shull/Harris- 9:30-10:30AM**
- 9/1: Feeney- 10:45-11:45AM; Calkin- 12-1PM**
- 9/7: Yoo- 9:30-10:30AM**
- 9/14: Maloney 9:30-10:30 AM**
- 9/5: Labor Day; No School**
- 9/9: Back to School Picnic @6:30**
- 9/15: Back to School Night Grades 3-5 (6:30-8:00)**
- 9/16: Fall Pictures**
- 9/20: Calkin/Maloney to Smith Center (9:30-1:30)**
- 9/21: Yoo/Shull to Smith Center (9:30-1:30)**
- 9/22: Feeney to Smith Center (9:30-1:30)**
- 9/28: Early Release Day (1:00PM)**
- 9/29: NO SCHOOL-Rosh Hashana**

Welcome Back!! As the third grade teachers, we are very excited to be working with your child this year! We look forward to meeting you and working with your child to help them become successful!

Reading

Our students are beginning to learn about realistic fiction and the components that make up realistic fiction. Students will also learn how to choose a book that is on their reading level.

In the month of September students will take the MAP-R assessment in the computer lab. This will be the first of three times they will take the test. The results will be discussed at teacher/parent conferences in November.

Writing

Students will be learning the difference between "telling and showing" in writing. We begin with an idea and develop it into an interesting piece of writing. Ask your child to read a selection from their Writer's Notebook and discuss the important adjectives and sensory words that make their writing come alive!

Math

Math Unit One continues through the end of October. In this unit students will learn about place value, data analysis, and addition and subtraction using 3 digits or more. In Ms. Maloney's class (Fourth grade advanced class) students will learn place value, data analysis, and geometry. We utilize our quiz data by displaying it in line graphs and analyzing trends which we will apply to our data analysis lessons.

Social Studies

Our students will learn about human, capital and natural resources. Given a varied group of resources, we

will successfully sort and categorize each type of resource!

Science

Your child will be learning about the three different kinds of fingerprints through analysis and observation! After making their own set of fingerprints, each student will determine their personal fingerprint formula. We will be studying our prints using magnifying lenses and determine if we have the same fingerprints.

In addition we will be attending a field trip to the Kingsley Environmental Center this fall. At the center, students will be using their inquiry skills and observation skills to determine the differences among trees and other plant life. Students will demonstrate this by using magnifying glasses and other materials.

Parent Jobs

Please continue to make sure your child gets plenty of rest every night and has a good breakfast every day. Please call the school if you have questions about the breakfast menu. It's important to stay healthy during the change of seasons.

The Learning Skills Folders will quickly become a great means of communication between home and school. Please be sure to send back to school the next day.

Please take a few minutes to review your student's completed homework and **initial their assignment**

notebook nightly in the Parent Initial box.

When reviewing math homework, it is helpful for you to ask your child to explain the steps they follow to complete each problem. If they are not getting the correct answer, you can pinpoint the difficulty and correct it or send your child's teacher a note regarding the process your child is going through. This will help guide our instruction in class.

We will be doing quarterly book talks that will require your child to read **6 or more** books each quarter. Book talks are a wonderful way for you and your child to discover new types of literature.

When sending in cash for your child's cafeteria account, please send it in a sealed envelope with your **child's name, pin number** and amount written on it.

Once again we look forward to meeting you at Back to School Night and to making this a terrific year for your child!

The Third Grade Team
Mrs. Shull/Ms. Harris
Mrs. Feeney
Ms. Calkin
Mrs. Yoo
Ms. Maloney