

Grade 3 Newsletter

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Welcome Back!

We're off to a great start in the 2009-2010 school year! The third grade teachers would like to thank all of the families who attended the Open House on August 28. It was great to meet our students before the first day of school.

Let's Work Together!

We are a team of five third grade teachers. We look forward to collaborating with you for the success of our students. Please feel free to contact your child's teacher by email:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ September 15
Back To School Night
- ◆ October 12
Open House
- ◆ October 30
First Quarter Ends

CHECK YOUR
CHILD'S FOLDER
FOR MORE
INFORMATION!

DAYS OFF

- ◆ September 28
Yom Kippur
- ◆ October 2
Early Release Day
Students dismissed at 12:30
- ◆ October 16
MSTA convention

A Look at September

Reading

- giving a book talk
- making connections
- story elements
 - Characters
 - Setting
 - Problem
 - Solution
 - Plot
- realistic fiction
- text features
- cause and effect
- compare and contrast
- questioning
- main idea

Math

- place value
- expanded notation
- organizing data and graphing
- creating patterns and stating the rule
- subtraction with regrouping
- estimation of sums and differences
- name, compare, and order numbers through 10,000 (ten thousand)

Social Studies

- needs and wants
- natural and human capital
- economic resources
- map elements
- physical and human-made features
- regions and geographic characteristics

Writing

- Writer's notebook exploration
- writing for personal expression
- drafting, revising, editing, and publishing

Science

- well-designed science investigation
- plant growth and development
- measuring and graphing height

REMINDERS

- ◆ On days when your child has P.E. please have them wear tennis shoes to school.
- ◆ Please care for media books and return them on time.

ESOL Nook- Welcome to the *Grade Three ESOL Nook*

We are happy to be working with your child to help them learn English. We hope the ESOL Nook can provide you with tips to use at home and a place to have some of your questions answered regarding your child's English Learning Progress. In each issue we will highlight an activity or tips you can use at home as well as a website resource to further help you and your child have fun while learning English.

Home Connection Activity:

Here is an activity you do at home with your child. *Talk with your child about the story they are reading in class. Act out the story with them using funny movements and voices. If you have a recording device, record your acting and watch it with your child later. While watching it, discuss what you see and encourage your child to think about what part of the story is real and what part is not real.*

ESOL Technology Corner:

Students can access this site either at home, or the local library to practice and improve their reading, writing, speaking and listening in English. <http://pbskids.org/readingrainbow/games/index.html>

If you have any questions or concerns please contact me at Sgt. Shriver Elementary or email me at Ebony.N.Kelly@mcpsmd.org I will be happy to answer any of your questions. In future issues, I'd like to post questions from parents with answers so that other parents can benefit. So please send in any questions you might have.

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Home of the Terrapins!

