

Third Grade News

November 2009



Congratulations to all our third graders for working hard during the 1st quarter!!!

Curriculum Focus

Listed below are some of the items we will be working on in each content area.



Math – Unit Two: Linear Measurement

- length (cm, in., ft, yd, mi)
- conversions
- perimeter
- area



Reading to be Informed– We are working on the following:

- main idea
- self-monitoring strategies
- using background knowledge
- evaluating text features
- determining importance
- summarizing
- note-taking
- brief constructed response (BCR)



Writing – Writing to Inform: generating ideas and organizing an informational piece based on research



Science – Sound



Social Studies – Economics and geography in our community

Dates To Remember:

Nov. 6th, 13th, 17th and 20th --Junior Achievement visits 3rd grade

Nov. 11th and 12th- Parent Conferences (1/2 day for students)

Nov. 19th- PTA Thanksgiving Dinner @ 6:30-8:30

Nov. 24th- Field Trip to Croydon Creek Nature Center

Nov. 25th- 1/2 day for students

Nov. 26th and 27th- NO SCHOOL
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Reading Logs

Each student is encouraged to read 25 books independently, on his/her reading level this year. Please set aside time each night for your child to read and record the books that have been read. We know all of the students can reach this goal!



Junior Achievement

Continuing this month, we will be working with our Junior Achievement program to enrich our social studies curriculum.

Nutrition & Gardening Program



Last month we began a partnership with the University of Maryland titled, “Growing Healthy Habits.” This program is aligned with the Voluntary State Curriculum for third grade. An emphasis is placed on eating healthy foods and creating healthy habits to promote good health, such as gardening. We will have eight sessions throughout the year.