



# Third Grade Nest News

## December 2019

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### Important Dates

12/3 PTA Meeting 6:30pm  
12/5 Picture retakes  
12/16-12/20 Spirit Week  
12/18 Interims distributed  
12/20 2nd Cup of Coffee/PBOM 8:40am

### Important Announcements

- Volunteering in our school: Anyone wishing to volunteer (chaperoning field trips, helping out in the classroom, etc.) must have completed the Child Abuse and Neglect online training. Once completed, the training is recorded for three years. If you have already completed the training (online), please let one of the teachers or Mrs. Willis know so that we can check our records. The training can be accessed here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1URJ\\_RNYdUyyL0ghVzZ32xLqPmkE7lwUvcRF2qid89ojA/preview](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1URJ_RNYdUyyL0ghVzZ32xLqPmkE7lwUvcRF2qid89ojA/preview)

### Science/Social Studies Standards

In science, we are beginning our study of weather, clouds, and the water cycle.

In social studies, we are beginning to study geography.

### ELA Standards

Reading – We will be finishing unit 3 this month. Unit 3 focuses on informational text standards. We have been learning about animal adaptations through the texts in this unit and the essential question is "How do we adapt to change?"

Writing – Our writing prompt for unit 3 prompts us to write an informative report about animal adaptations based on one of our texts and a short video we watched.

Spelling – The spelling patterns we work on in unit 3 are r-controlled vowels, and closed syllable pattern.

Language – The language skills we focus on in unit 3 are forming and using possessives, pronouns, and pronoun-antecedent agreement.

Here's a link if you'd like to find out more about the new curriculum:

<http://benchmarkadvance.com/#collapseExample7>

This letter also contains a helpful overview of the new curriculum.

English version:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1De2sq5bL1sOtgQ5DOO2exJVxtK6W3gK1BOySGPNILrA/edit>

Spanish version:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/0BzMgDIZbaR2vSDRLVFdGRjBrQ0U3c202d2laUV9pNWRDa1Uw/view>

### Math Standards

We have been focusing on standards in the Operations and Algebraic Thinking domain, and we will continue to do so until break. We will also revisit our understanding of area in the domain of Measurement and Data.

Please continue to work on multiplication and division facts with your child! We have been doing a lot of work with multiplication and division to build an understanding of those operations, but students need to be building automaticity with the facts as well.



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### Counselor's Corner

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Hello Parents/Guardians,

Glen Haven Elementary School will be holding it's Annual Coat Drive from November 25, 2019 until January 24, 2020. Please feel free to donate any new or gently used children and/or adult winter coats. Please wash the coats before donating. There will be a bin in the lobby to collect donations and all donations will be used by Glen Haven families. We will also be having a Coat Swap from December 9-13, 2019. Feel free to stop by the cafeteria on December 9-13 from 8:40 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. to drop off a coat and pick one up. Thank you in advance for your donations.

During the week of December 16-20, 2019 we will be having PBIS Spirit Week. Stay tuned for more information!

A BIG "Thank You" to all the families who donated to the Kids Helping Kids Food Drive and the Mattie's Miracle Annual Candy Drive. Many families will benefit from the food and candy/snacks collected.

Have a wonderful December!

~Rebecca Willis

School Counselor