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Third Grade News

The first month of third grade has been a time of learning new routines, meeting new friends, and accepting new responsibilities. We are very proud of the way our students have risen to the challenge! We are really looking forward to all the new learning that will happen this month! Please make sure to check out all of the events happening this month! There are a lot of exciting things to look forward to!

Events



10/6 - PTA General Meeting 6:30 – 7:30

10/12- Spirit Night at Tortacos

10/15 – Fall Picture Day

10/16 – No School

10/23 – PTA Trunk or Treat 5:00 – 7:00

10/30 – Last day of Quarter 1,
Classroom Halloween Parties and
Alternate Party

Snacks and Sweaters

You may send a snack with your child each day. Please make sure there are no messy foods as we often have a “working snack.”

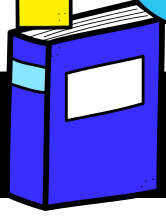
Temperatures in the classroom often fluctuate. It is a good idea to send your child in with a jacket or layers so that they are comfortable throughout the day.

Absent?

MCPS is asking that all absences be submitted directly in [Parent Vue](#).

- Parents and guardians select an absence code, enter a brief note, upload documents, and select the applicable dates.
- School Staff review and process submitted absences.
- Electronic submissions reduces manual entry and helps schools receive absence information more efficiently and parents/guardians can see accurate attendance information in ParentVue.

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Reading

In Unit 2, students will explore how scientists study and classify animals. Students will read **informational texts** and learn to:

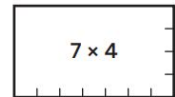
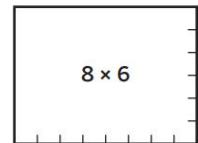
- Identify and use **text features**.
- **Answer questions using text evidence** to explain their thinking and support their answers.
- **Compare and contrast** two texts about similar topics.
- Use **context clues** to figure out the meaning of unfamiliar words.

Students will also begin receiving **spelling words** as we start Unit 2. Please encourage your child to practice their spelling words at home.

Math



Students will learn the concept of area as a measure of how much space a shape covers. They relate the areas of rectangles to multiplication and solve problems involving area. This work includes determining the areas and unknown side lengths of rectangles.



Social Studies and Writing

Social Studies: Students will learn why and how people make financial decisions. Students will also learn how those decisions can influence financial goal-setting and ways people earn income. They will also explore jobs and careers.

Writing: Students engage in the writing process as they plan, draft, edit, revise, publish, and present an informative paragraph. They also combine and expand sentences through the use of appositives and conjunctions.

Third Grade Teachers!

Our Favorite Candy

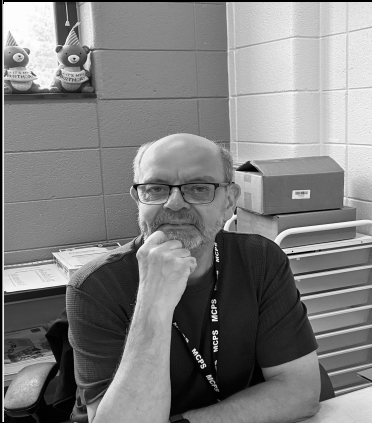
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