Let’s Talk 3rd Grade

What a year it has been!

We are so proud of the progress our 3rd graders have made this year! They have become better readers and writers, think more critically, and ask excellent questions. Students have matured in the way they communicate with each other, and have worked to follow and understand our school rules of Respect, Responsible, and Ready to Learn.

This month we will continue to learn and grow. In reading we will analyze poems to understand meaning. We will also look at poetic techniques. We will integrate this unit with writing, and will write poems in different styles.

In science we continue our plants unit. We have learned about the importance of bees and the plant life cycle. We will continue to explore pollination and plant growth.

In social studies we are comparing Mexico City to Washington D.C. We will explore transportation systems and geography. We’ll look at pictures of the two cities to make observations and predictions too.

Though the weather has become warmer and summer vacation is upon us, it is important to remember that there is still much to be done. Students are expected to continue to follow behavioral and academic expectations. Please help to stress this expectation at home too.

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We have truly enjoyed working with each and every family this year, and look forward to watching your children grow in 4th grade. Thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year, and for the time you have put into making sure this year was a success. Please keep in touch. Have a safe, fun, and restful summer!

All the best,

Mrs. Toohey, Mrs. Kaplan, Mrs. Cole and Mrs. Shapiro

And in Math...

In Mrs. Kaplan’s and Mrs. Cole’s classes we are finishing up our final unit on capacity, time, and plotting points. Students will take their final unit assessments this year next week. For the remainder of the year we will focus on revisiting concepts students did not master initially.

In Mrs. Toohey and Mrs. Shapiro’s classes students will take their Unit 5 assessment as well. This test will assess measurement, standard and metric conversions, area, perimeter, and volume. There will not be opportunity for reteaching and retesting due to timing.

We cannot stress enough how important it is for students to come into 4th grade having memorized their multiplication and division basic facts. Please encourage your child to practice daily this summer. If you need flash cards at home, we are happy to make you copies prior to the end of this school year.

Mark your Calendar!

June 4th
Field Day
*Bring bag lunch

June 6th
Field Trip to Brookside Gardens– Cole, Toohey

June 7th
Field Trip to Brookside Gardens-Kaplan, Shapiro

June 8th
3rd Grade End of Year Party (we will be asking for snack donation)

June 11th
5th Grade Promotion Ceremony at Rockville High School 7pm

June 12th
Last Day of School Early Dismissal

August 27th
First Day of School
**Keep Your Child’s Learning Alive this Summer!**

It is extremely important to keep up Reading and Math skills this summer. Students who do not read at least 6 “Just Right” books and practice Math facts are shown to have poorer performance in August when they return. There are many ways to help their achievement over the summer.

- Complete Summer Math and Reading Packets! These will go home with your child on Friday, June 8th and are due the first week back to school. Postcards can be mailed over the summer or brought to school with your child. These materials are also available in the front office and on the website.
- Visit your local library and complete their Summer Reading program. Details are available at http://montgomerycountymd.libguides.com/sr2012iscoming and signup begins June 12th.
- Visit Math websites such as www.multiplication.com and www.funbrain.com to practice skills and memorize multiplication/division facts.

**FIELD DAY FUN ON MONDAY**

Field Day will be held on Monday, June 4th. Students should BRING a bag lunch and be prepared for a picnic outside. If they do not bring a bag lunch, bag lunches will be available for purchase from the cafeteria. Hot lunch will not be available. Please remember to dress your child for being outdoors. Have them wear sunscreen and bug spray if necessary. They are also supposed to wear the color shirt they selected to match their group.

**Report Cards**

- Report Card Comments will be sent home with your child on June 12th IF all fees/books are returned to the school.
- Report Cards are mailed TO YOUR HOME on June 21st. Please keep a look out in your mailbox.

**End-of-Year Party**

On Friday, June 8th we will have our end-of-year party to celebrate the accomplishments of 3rd graders this year!

We will go into rotation groups to share memories, spend time with friends, have a little treat, and have LOTS of fun!

We are requesting a small food donation to provide materials for this event (details to come). Please send your donation in with your child before Friday, June 8th.

If you are interested in volunteering your time for our party, please contact your child’s classroom teacher.