**Third Grade News ~ October 24, 2018**

Language Arts

We have finished our first unit in writing! The students wrote their own personal narrative, illustrated, and published it. We will be sharing them on Thursday.

We will be starting our next two units together. They focus on reading and writing nonfiction. Students will be seeing how mentor authors writing nonfiction during their reading time, which will help them write in the same way for their writing time. **\*Since we are starting to work on nonfiction, please have your child begin reading nonfiction for his/her nightly reading**. It will be easier to apply what we have learned in class, if the book is nonfiction.

Just a reminder… reading logs are checked on Monday morning for reading for the week before. Please have your child make sure they have their My Reading Life folder here at school each day.

Math

We are continuing our work in module #2 and are practicing our skills by adding two and three digit measurements using the standard addition algorithm. Families please continue to practice telling and writing time to the nearest minute using an analog clock.

Just a reminder that if your child happens to leave his or her homework at school, it can be downloaded from the Madison Avenue teacher’s website. Within my classroom website you can access the homework through links and forms and then Eureka. The links provide information such as homework videos, student worksheets, along with other helpful hints to support your student’s learning. Also, students should not be spending more than about 20 minutes on homework sheets. If your child becomes overly frustrated, please just jot a note on the homework assignment to let me know how long they worked on it and return it with your child the next day. Your child will receive homework credit. This feedback from you helps me to be aware that your child needs addition support on the given skills.

Students should continue to complete at least three different days per week. The new week begins Friday after school and completes the following Friday morning.

Science

In Science our focus is Earth Science. We are continuing to learn about natural resources as well as learning about ways that we can conserve resources by recycling, reducing, and reusing items. Mrs. Bollas from the Lake County Waste Management taught the students an important lesson on how long trash last and the importance of recycling.

Social Studies

The classes enjoyed listening to the interview information that the students found out about the past. This week we will be finishing OSW week 7 and having a quiz on Thursday as well as an end of unit assessment that will not require studying. The students will be completing it online and their scores will show up on Infinite Campus in the days following the test. We will be moving on to Mapping Skills next.

Odds & Ends

\*\* Please check Infinite Campus to see how your child did during the first quarter of third grade. Last Friday was the end of the quarter and grades are now available to see. Just a reminder, you can check this regularly to see their assignment grades throughout the entire year.

\*\*Also, thank you for signing the assignment books. Please be sure to check your child’s behavior calendar in his/her folder and sign it on Fridays.

**Reminders:**

~ Student count for classroom holiday parties: Collins – 19 students Yamamoto -19 students

~ No school on Nov. 6th for Election Day.

~ **Halloween parties** will be held on Wednesday, October 31 at 2:30pm. Parents who plan to help out during the party may come at 2:15pm. Please understand that we will be working up until 2:15pm. The parade will begin at 3:10pm. Please remember if you are taking your child home at the end of the day, you need to sign them out in the classroom or in the office. Thank you!

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**Conference Reminder:**

In years past, we have had conference sign-up sheets for your child’s homeroom teacher available at Open House.  Because your child sees both teachers each day, it is important that you have an opportunity to meet with both of them.  ***Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Yamamoto will be in the gym (on all 3 nights) at tables and parents will rotate to both of them to discuss their child’s progress.*** You may come at any point during your window of time (based on your child’s homeroom teacher), but **please note there will be a teacher dinner break from 5:40-6:25 p.m.**  If you plan to attend a different night because of your schedule or having more than one child, please just notify the teachers.

Please see the list below for the night and window of time you should attend conferences:

 TEACHER STUDENT  TIME
                            LAST NAME

OCTOBER 25    Both Collins/Yamamoto    A-F            4-5:40 p.m.

          Dinner Break

            Both Collins/Yamamoto    A-F            6:25-8 p.m.

OCTOBER 30    Both Collins/Yamamoto    G-O            4-5:40 p.m.

            Dinner Break

            Both Collins/Yamamoto     G-O            6:25-8 p.m.

NOVEMBER 8    Both Collins/Yamamoto     P-Z             4-5:40pm

 Dinner Break

Both Collins/Yamamoto    P-Z            6:25-8pm