

Third Grade News ~ October 8, 2018

Language Arts

We have finished our first unit in reading! The students seemed to respond very well to the story Stone Fox. Please continue to review making predictions, character traits and summarizing within the story your child is reading at home. I have been reviewing these concepts during our I.E. time during the day, with the children who still need work with these skills.

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.

We have begun our first writing unit, called Crafting True Stories. The students have been writing personal narrative or small moment stories for the past week, each day. They seem to really enjoy writing, YAY!!! We will be choosing one to begin publishing in the next week. I encourage them to be writing about one moment in time, not a whole day or vacation, etc. Most of this work stays at school, but you will see the finished product when it comes home!

Math

The students are doing a fantastic job utilizing the Xtramath program. 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.

We have completed our first module and have moved onto module #2. Module #2 focusses on exploring measurement using kilograms, grams, liters, milliliters, and intervals of time in minutes. Students will continue to improve skills of telling and writing time to the nearest minute using an analog as well as digital clocks.

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 additional support on the given skills.

Science

In Science our focus is Earth Science. The students will be learning about the properties of soil and rocks, the difference between renewable and nonrenewable energy resources, and why some of Earth's resources are limited and ways to conserve these resources. We spent time learning that rocks are solid materials made of one or more minerals and have distinct physical properties such as size, shape, color, texture, and shine.

Social Studies

We have been discussing how our community has changed over time and will be finishing that up soon. Please see the Interviewing Project paper that was sent home on Friday. The students are to interview the oldest adult they know. This can be over the phone or in person. This will give the children an idea of how things were in the past. This project is due Wednesday, October 10th. We are also starting to work on week 6 Ohio Studies Weekly newspaper soon. Remember that if the newspaper comes home for review, the children should bring it back to school to use for the test. It is good practice to be able to look back in the text for answers.

Odds & Ends

** Thank you so much for sending in all of the items we requested at Open House! We appreciate each and every donation you have sent in.

Also, thank you for signing the assignment books. Please be sure to check your child's behavior calendar in his/her folder. It should be colored on a daily basis with the highest and lowest color they have been on throughout the day. Please talk to your child about your expectations for their daily behavior. At the end of each week, **we ask that you sign the box showing that you are aware of your child's behavior. Thank you in advance!

Reminders:

~ Fall Festival is coming up! It is on Wednesday, Oct. 10th.

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

Yamamoto -19 students

~ No school this Thursday and Friday, October 11th and 12th.