



Grade 3 Newsletter



We hope that your family had a wonderful holiday season and have welcomed 2012 with smiles and good cheer!! Our students came back to school rejuvenated and ready for another stretch of exciting studies and diligent work.

Reading and Writing Workshop

The students have been working on the *Report Writing Genre Study*. During reading, each student is reading nonfiction books and analyzing text features. The children have been finding the main idea, supporting details, summarizing, visualizing, finding context clues, and applying a variety of reading strategies.

During writing, the students have been putting a lot of effort into writing a report. To successfully complete their reports, the children are using the writing process to make sure their report has a purpose that is filled with important information on their topic.

Math

In math, we are working on Unit 6, *Geometry* unit in our Everyday Mathematics Program. This unit focuses on investigating line segments, rays, and lines. The children will also explore polygons, including triangles and quadrangles. The students will practice drawing and measuring angles. During this time, we will continue our study of multiplication and division. It is IMPORTANT for students to review the times tables EVERY NIGHT so their knowledge of these facts is memorized and automatic!!

Science/Social Studies

The 3rd grade classes will be completing the hands-on experiment called "Soggy Paper". The children will be testing the absorbency of three different types of paper towels by testing their ability to absorb a water spill effectively. Observations and predictions will be

made in their science notebooks based on questions posed to the children before, during, and after the experiment. Looking ahead, students will work on the science unit, *Measurement*. The focus of this unit for students is to understand the importance of measurement standards. Students will investigate Metric measurement (length, mass, temperature, and volume).

Each class continues to incorporate Social Studies during Readers Workshop. Students have the opportunity to read nonfiction books on a variety of Native American topics to enhance their knowledge of many aspects of Native American life.

Important Dates

DRA begins ~ Starts January 17th to February 13th

Second Grade Post Office ~ January 30th - February 15th

Early Release ~ Wednesday, February 15th

Winter Break ~ February 20th -24th

End of 2nd Marking Period ~ Friday, March 2nd

PTO Auction ~ Friday, March 9th

PTO Meeting ~ Thursday, March 15th

Report Cards Distributed ~ Friday, March 16th

Early Release for Report Card Conferences ~ March 20th, 21st, and 22nd

Early Release ~ Wednesday, March 28th

****Our Supplies of tissues, Clorox/Lysol wipes are running low. We would appreciate your generosity with supplying any of these items for our classrooms.****

****We look forward to your continued support in an effort to highlight and encourage the success and achievement of the children.****

Thank You,
The 3rd Grade Team