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Third Grade Tidbits

A Look Back...

A Look Ahead...

April 2017

Communication

As always, if you would like to contact your child's teacher below are the personal email's for each 3rd grade teacher. You can also call during the school hours and we will respond within 24 hours.

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Reading and Writing



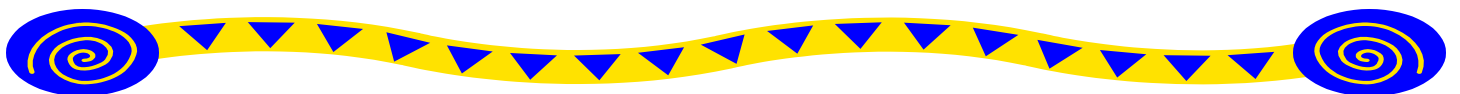
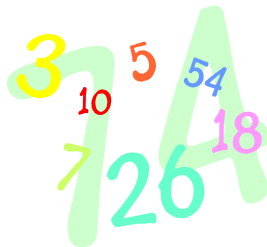
Reading—Students will be reading traditional stories, such as folktales and fairy tales in order to identify the central message and to compare and contrast the characters in the stories. Students will also be explaining how the illustrations help to create and show the mood of the story. We will continue to demonstrate our understanding in reading through written responses.

Writing— Students will be sharing their realistic fiction stories with their class. Students will then be completing research on the pros and cons of living in a chosen state. Then they will write an informational essay about the pros and cons of living in the chosen state.



Math

Students will be completing multi-step word problems using all operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division) and writing explanations to explain their thinking. Students are expected to be using level 3 methods when solving multiplication and division problems. We will continue to use centers and technology applications to become more fluent in multiplication facts.



S.S. and Science

SOCIAL STUDIES:

The students will be learning about economics. They will be learning about incomes, expenses and budgeting to help them complete a business project. The students will be given a budget to start a new business!



Resources

TASS—(Thinking and Academic Success Skills) Students will be working on two skills each marking period throughout the year. They are incorporated into various lessons and taught explicitly to students. They will reflect on their use of them on a regular basis. This marking period the students will work with collaborate and analyze.

The 6+1 Traits of Writing—This is an approach to writing where the students will work on different aspects of their writing. They will have whole group and small group instruction and then will apply what they learn to their own writing. The traits are: ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, voice and conventions.

Daily 5—This program helps to foster literacy independence during the literacy block. The students will be learning how to rotate from station to station. The stations are: Read to self, read to someone, work with words, work on writing and listen to reading.

Reminders:

- Reading Calendars
- PARCC Testing in May

Cougars of the Month

Cougars Of The Month for March
Ms. Dymond's Class: Eunice Pasag

Ms. Stone's Class: Gloria Kwarteng

Ms. Jansen Van Vuuren's Class:



Resources for Home

Students in each 3rd grade classroom have access to a variety of applications and websites for both reading and math in their Google classrooms. They can access this using their Google sign in.

Important Dates:

April 6: Math night

April 6: Last Day of 3rd Quarter

April 7-17: No School Spring Break

April 18: 1st day of 4th Quarter

