

**Ms. Dymond
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Ms. Jansen Van
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Third Grade Tidbits

A Look Back...

A Look Ahead...

January 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



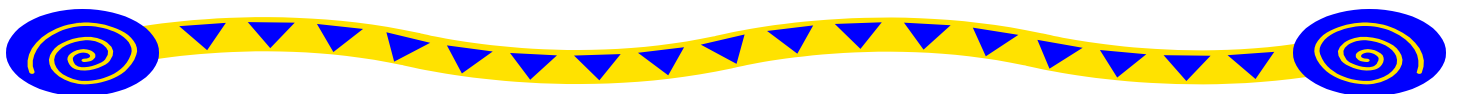
Reading—Students have been working with plays and literature stories. They have been identifying the author's message. Students will be beginning to read informational text and identifying text features and main idea. Students are continuing to practice writing written responses in reading.

Writing— Students will be finishing writing their informational writing piece on how technology has changed over time. Each classroom was focusing on a different technology: Mrs. Stone-transportation, Mrs. Dymond-television, and Mrs. Jansen VanVuuren-telephones. Once students finish writing the informational piece, they will write an opinion piece about the topics.



Math

Students will continue to work on multiplication tables using picture representations, equations and relating them to division. Students will also continue to practice their facts for fluency in centers and on applications using their chromebooks. They will also practice using facts with word problems and writing to explain their thinking.



S.S. and Science

SOCIAL STUDIES: Students will be learning about geographical characteristics in Montgomery County, Maryland, and the United States. They will then compare them to characteristics of Africa.



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:

- Lunch \$\$ for Accounts
- Reading Calendars

Cougars of the Month

Cougars Of The Month for September:

Ms. Dymond's Class: Jaijun Lin

Ms. Stone's Class: Gloria Kwarteng

Ms. Jansen Van Vuuren's Class: TBD



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. Below are a few more for math.

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

Important Dates:

January 16- No School

January 20- No School

January 26- Last day of marking period 2

January 27- No School

