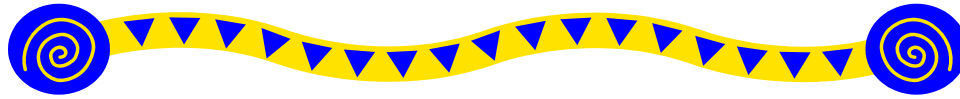


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Third Grade Tidbits

A Look Back...

A Look Ahead...



March 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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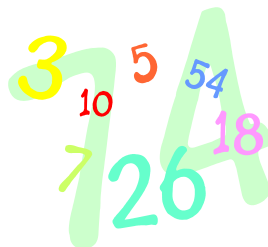
Reading and Writing



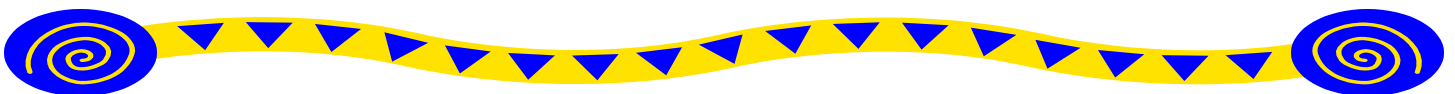
Reading—Students have been working with historical fiction texts. They have been identifying the character's feelings and identifying how various events build on one another. This month in literature they will be identifying the main idea, the point of view of the main character and the meaning of words and phrases. In informational texts they will be identifying the meaning of words as well as using text features to identify the main idea of the text.

Math

Students have been learning about fractions. They have been identifying unit fractions, building fractions with unit fractions and placing them on a number line. They then related fractions to measuring to the nearest $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ inches. This month they will continue with fractions looking at equivalent fractions. They will be able to recognize them, generate them and place on a number line.



Writing— Students have been analyzing a character from a book to show understanding of the text. They are getting ready to move into writing a realistic fiction book of their own. They will explore a variety of realistic fiction texts to help them get ideas before going through the writing process with their very own book.



S.S. and Science

Science—In science the students have been doing explorations of light and heat energy. They have been seeing what causes the most heat and which ones give off the least heat. They have also learned about conductors and insulators.



Social Studies—The students will be learning about a variety of cultures both in North America as well as in Mexico. They will see how these cultures are similar and different as well as how they were long ago.



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**
- **Please get field trip permission forms and money in ASAP**

Cougars of the Month

Ms. Dymond's Class:
Gabriela Henriquez—Castro

Ms. Stone's Class:
Gabriela Barris

Ms. Jansen Van Vuuren's Class:
Heydy Hernandez



Resources for Home

Helpful resources for Math and Reading:
Reading Rewards—online reading log
Multiplication Games:
<http://gregtangmath.com/breakapart>

Important Dates:

- **Friday, March 3rd**—early dismissal for students at 1:20 pm
- **Monday March 6th**—MVP lunch 12:45 pm
- **Tuesday, March 29th**—ingsley Field Trip for Dymond and 1/2 of Stone
- **Wednesday, March 30th**—Kingsley Field Trip for Jansen Van Vuuren and 1/2 of Stone

