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# 3rd Grade News

## Academics

### Language Arts:

This week we took a placement test in reading. We also read a story called "How I Spent My Summer Vacation" in which a boy describes the most outrageous summer vacation he can think of. Then we wrote post-cards describing our own unbelievable, outrageous summer vacations. Next week we will begin our first story, "Grandfather's Journey".

### Math:

Our first unit in math will cover routines, review, and assessment. I encourage the third graders to begin reviewing their addition and subtraction facts for a few minutes each night.

### Science & Social Studies:

We will rotate between science and social studies, beginning with social studies next week. Each unit will last approximately four weeks, so your child will not have a science grade on their mid-term report card. Our first unit will be Communities.

## Calendar

Picture Day	Aug. 27
No School - Labor Day	Sept. 7
Everyday Math Night 6:30-7:30 p.m.	Sept. 15
Midterm	Sept. 16
Picture Retake Day	Oct. 1
K-5 Open House 6-8 p.m.	Oct. 8
No School - Columbus Day	Oct. 12

## Spelling Words—Week of 8/24

### Words with *Short Vowels*

leg black much bag rocks  
 kept hid window van mix  
 rub ever buzz body thing

*Challenge Words:* astonished  
 enormous journey scattered  
 surrounded

## Reminders & Announcements

~WELCOME BACK! We've had a great first week in third grade! We've been busy getting to know one another and getting back into the swing of things.

~Thanks to everyone who signed up to help or bring something for parties this year! If you are interested in helping out in any way and didn't get a chance to sign up, please let me know!

~At Meet-the-Teacher night, we had a few items that were on our wish list that we are always in need of. If you are interested in purchasing any of the following items for our classroom, please send to school with your child. Thanks so much!

*paper towels Clorox cleaning wipes hand soap baby wipes (for our overhead) napkins*

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