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3rd Grade News

Academics

Language Arts:

We read our first story this week, "Grandfather's Journey". We discussed the setting and the characters in this story. We also started reading centers this week. In cursive we learned the lowercase letters l, h, and k. Next week in reading our literature selection will be "Phoebe and the Spelling Bee". We will identify problem and solution. In spelling next week our words will all have the long a and long e sounds. Pretest will be on Monday, with the Posttest on Friday.

Handwriting:

Although we started a few letters in cursive this week, we are going to spend the next two weeks reviewing formation of all of the manuscript letters. Quite a few of the third graders are struggling with forming manuscript letters neatly and correctly, so we are going to spend a little bit of time reviewing this, and then we will move on to cursive. I think this review will really help the third graders make an easier, smoother transition to cursive.

Math:

In math we reviewed the number grid, patterns, and place value. I encourage the third graders to review their addition/subtraction facts for a few minutes each night.

Science & Social Studies:

We started our social studies series, as we learned about what it means to be a member of a community. We will also be talking about the differences between rural, urban, and suburban communities.

Calendar

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

Spelling Words Week of 8/31

plane	team	raise
breeze	paper	marry
weigh	thief	cream
awake	grade	creek
carry	sail	neighbor

Challenge Words:

continue correct embarrass legend unusual

Reminders & Announcements

We've had a great first full week in third grade! The students are adjusting to the new routines, and are doing an excellent job learning to be responsible for their homework and assignment notebooks. It is very helpful if you check their assignment notebook each night to make sure they are completing all of their homework, and then sign or initial it. Thanks!

Thanks so much to everyone who donated much-needed supplies for our classroom. They are greatly appreciated! If you haven't already, please send an old, clean sock to school to be used as a dry-erase eraser for your student.

Don't forget: 200 pages due for book reports by midterm, Sept. 16th. I have already received a few, and they look great!

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