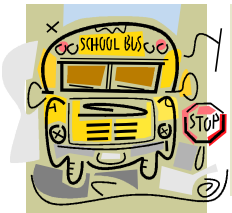

3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts:

This week we finished reading "Max Malone". The third graders did a great job with their first Reader's Theater. We also began working on our first research project in which everyone chose a major league baseball player to learn more about. In language we reviewed using dictionaries. Our spelling words next week are words from physical education. Pretest on Monday, posttest on Friday. We will again have enrichment spelling—any student who gets all 20 spelling and challenge words correct during the pretest can choose their own words for the posttest. Two students this week had fun choosing their own words!

Handwriting:

This week we learned the cursive undercurve stroke, and we practiced making lowercase i and t.

Math:

This week we were introduced to our year-long length of day project. We took our first math test on Wednesday and the students did awesome! We also started Ch. 2 which explores addition and subtraction of whole numbers. I am sending a set of fact triangles for your child to keep and use at home to review addition and subtraction facts.

Social Studies:

The third graders worked with a partner to create posters displaying rural, urban, and suburban communities. On September 17th, we discussed the significance of Constitution Day.

Calendar

Midterm Reports come home	*Sept. 18*
Mallardfest	*Sept. 19*
Picture Retake Day	*Oct. 1*
K-5 Open House 6-8 p.m.	*Oct. 8*
Craft Fair	*Oct. 10-11*
No School - Columbus Day	*Oct. 12*
End of 1st Quarter	*Oct. 16*

Spelling Words Week of Sept. 21st

player	strike	parade
mitt	batter	bases
glove	action	crowd
baseball	mound	season
foul	outfield	record

Challenge Words:

celebrated	*cork*	*pitcher*
score	*wrap*	

Reminders & Announcements

- ***The third graders have been doing an incredible job earning and banking coins each day. Since many students now have over 50 coins in their account, next week they can choose to purchase one of the rewards that is worth 50 points, or they can save their money and wait to purchase a reward that is worth 100 points.***
- Mid-term grade reports are coming home today—as you will recall, there will not be a grade in science as we rotate between social studies and science each quarter.
- *There are still openings for the Gear Golf outing this Sunday, Sept. 20th (9:00 a.m. start). You can register at Woodbine Bend Golf Course the day of the event. There will also be a sport swap from 9-12. Great opportunity to buy some used cleats, gloves, t-shirts, and other sporting goods. Contact Jeremy Knauer if you have questions or would like to participate.*

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