



3rd Grade News

River Ridge Elementary School

Mrs. Schafer's 3rd Grade

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Academics

Language Arts:

This week we read an article entitled "Champions of the World" about the Little League World Series. We worked on making predictions. We also took end-of-unit reading, language, and spelling tests. Next week we will read "City Green", a story about a group of neighbors who work together to turn a vacant lot into a beautiful garden. This week four students participated in enrichment spelling. Our spelling list next week will focus on syllable patterns in words.

Handwriting:

This week we learned lowercase cursive letters u, w, e, and l.

Math:

This week we reviewed a variety of math strategies that help students organize information in story problems. In the Friday Folders you will find directions for the math algorithms we will be working on in the coming weeks. I cannot stress enough how important it is for third graders to be proficient in basic addition and subtraction facts as we begin to progress into more challenging problems. Ten or fifteen minutes of review each evening can really help!

Science:

We are going to spend the rest of this quarter learning about matter in science. This week we discussed the physical properties of matter. Next week we will talk about the three forms of matter: solid, gas, and liquid.

Calendar

Picture Retake Day	Oct. 1
K-5 Open House	Oct. 8
6-8 p.m.	
1:30 Dismissal	Oct. 9
Craft Fair	Oct. 10-11
No School - Columbus Day	Oct. 12
End of 1st Quarter	Oct. 16
Conferences	Oct. 22-23
Halloween Fun	Oct. 30

Spelling Words

Week of Sept. 28th

open	battle	even
candle	frozen	carrots
silent	bottle	lazy
lettuce	maple	fellow
fifty	flavor	floppy

Challenge Words:

area	excitement	halfway
heap	schedule	

Reminders & Announcements

Thanks so much to the Tracey family for donating pumpkins for all the classes in the elementary school! Our class was very excited to receive a GIANT pumpkin, too! We will be having a contest to see who can guess the weight of the giant pumpkin.

Congratulations to Madyson Durr and Keith Invergo, our Mallardfest King and Queen 2009!

Many of the third graders cashed in 50 coins this week for rewards including show-n-tell, reading a book to another class, sitting with a friend a lunch, and switching classes for study hall. Quite a few students also decided to save their coins for one of the "bigger" rewards. We will also be having a class party next week to celebrate filling our coin jar twice! Congratulations, third graders!!

Monthly book report projects will be due on Sept. 30th. The posters that have come in so far look awesome! Third graders need to have read and turned in book reports for 400 pages by the end of the quarter, Oct. 16th. Your child has read _____ pages toward their quarterly goal.

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