



3rd Grade News

River Ridge Elementary School

Mrs. Schafer's 3rd Grade

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Academics

Language Arts:

This week we read "City Green" and we worked on the comprehension strategy of cause and effect. In language we learned about personal narratives and wrote our own about a special person in our lives. Next week we will read "The Sun, the Wind, and the Rain" and we will work on comparing and contrasting. Our spelling list will focus on words with consonant clusters. We will also be writing fall haikus and ghost stories. The third graders are incredible writers—be sure to check out these projects at open house!

Handwriting: So far we have learned lowercase cursive letters i, t u, w, e, l, b, and h.

Math: This week we worked on the partial sums algorithm for addition and the counting up algorithm for subtraction. Both of these strategies should be review from second grade. Although eventually the 3rd graders will get to choose which method they prefer in order to solve multi-digit addition and subtraction problems, as we are learning each algorithm, I would like them to use it on their assignments. Next week in math we will be looking at the trade-first subtraction algorithm, and we will also have a test over Unit 2 on Thursday.

Science: This week we discussed and observed the physical properties of matter and talked about the three states of matter. We will be having a quiz over Lesson 1 next week. A short study guide will come home on Monday, with the quiz on Tuesday.

Calendar

K-5 Open House 6-8 p.m.	Oct. 8
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
No School—Veteran's Day	Nov. 11

Spelling Words Week of Oct. 5th

block	brake	crazy
flash	grab	plate
blink	broad	crumble
flood	grand	blind
brisk	flame	plenty

Challenge Words:

*canyons flowed grains
handful peaks*

Reminders & Announcements

Thanks so much to all of the families who donated treats for our reward party on Wednesday. We had so many treats that we were able to enjoy some on Thursday and Friday as well!

Also, thanks again 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.

A note from Mr. Scarano: We promote a healthy lunch program at River Ridge. We would appreciate it if you do not send soda to school with your child for lunch. Thank you.

Third graders need to have read and turned in book reports for 400 pages by the end of the quarter, Oct. 16th.

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