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3rd Grade News

Academics

Language Arts:

This week we read "The Sun, the Wind, and the Rain" and we worked on the comprehension strategy of comparing and contrasting. In language we learned about and wrote our own haikus, a form of Japanese poetry. We will spend the next two weeks (both shortened weeks) on the story "Dream Wolf", and we will again work on cause and effect. Our spelling list will focus on words with consonant clusters. Please note that we will take our pretest on Oct. 13, but will not take the posttest until Oct. 21. Also, October book report project directions came home yesterday. Students are to create a timeline of their book, due 10-30.

Handwriting:

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

Math:

Next week we will start our next chapter in math, which will cover measurement.

Science:

We took our quiz over matter on Wednesday. Next week we will continue to discuss matter, including physical and chemical changes in matter.

Calendar

<i>Craft Fair</i>	<i>Oct. 10-11</i>
<i>No School - Columbus Day</i>	<i>Oct. 12</i>
<i>End of 1st Quarter</i>	<i>Oct. 16</i>
<i>Report Cards</i>	<i>Oct. 20</i>
<i>Conferences</i>	<i>Oct. 22-23</i>
<i>Halloween Fun</i>	<i>Oct. 30</i>
<i>No School—Veteran's Day</i>	<i>Nov. 11</i>
<i>Early Dismissal</i>	<i>Nov. 25</i>
<i>No School-Thanksgiving</i>	<i>Nov. 26-27</i>

Spelling Words

Pretest: Oct. 13 Posttest: Oct. 21

spend	stream	scream
spring	skate	slept
spider	strong	scrub
sprinkle	skin	sleeve
string	screen	slice

Challenge Words:

*buffalo darkness echoes
ripe shelter*

Reminders & Announcements

It was great to see so many of you at Open House last night! It means so much to the third graders to share with their families what they've been up to in school. Thanks for coming! Also—the Book Fair will continue to be open next week in case your child would like to make a purchase.

Remember: No School on Monday due to Columbus Day—Enjoy the long weekend!

Thanks so much to the Galena Rotary Club and Mr. Dwight Bischel for their generous donation of pocket dictionaries for all of the third graders!

Congratulations to our September Wildcats of the Month: Reese and Keith!

Just a reminder: 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 this quarter.

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