



3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts: During the next three weeks we will be working on two non-fiction selections about spiders, "Spiders at Work" and " Web Wonders". Our comprehension strategies will be important/unimportant information and comparing/contrasting. Each student will also be conducting research on a particular spider. In language we are studying plural nouns, common and proper nouns, and capitalization rules. Our spelling list includes words from science. Also, students should have completed book reports for 200 pages by midterm, Nov. 10th.

Handwriting: So far we have learned lowercase cursive letters i, t u, w, e, l, b, h, f, e, w, k, r, s, j, a, d, g, and o.

Math: On Monday we will be having a test over our chapter on measurement. The third graders created their own study guides covering the topics they should review for this test. These study guides and the student reference books should be coming home today.

Social Studies: In social studies we are discussing communities in history as well as early explorers. This week we looked at Spanish and French explorers, including Columbus, Cabrillo, and de Champlain. Next week we will begin our study of the Pilgrims.

Calendar

Midterm	Nov. 10
No School—Veteran's Day	Nov. 11
Midterms go home	Nov. 13
Early Dismissal: 1:30 p.m.	Nov. 25
No School-Thanksgiving	Nov. 26-27
Elementary Concert	Dec. 9



Spelling Words

Pretest: Nov. 2 Posttest: Nov. 6

web	sticky	bait
cell	silk	weave
fiber	strands	beetle
thread	science	fang
breathe	taste	prey

Challenge Words:

*earthquake hatch respect
 soldiers woven*

Reminders & Announcements

Thanks so much to everyone who helped out or provided treats/drinks for our Halloween party. We had a great time, and it was so much fun to see everyone in their costumes! Please be safe and have fun this weekend while trick-or-treating!

Our "great pumpkin" weighed in at 78 pounds! Contest winners were Laura Wills and Alexis Anderson (4F) who each guessed 75 pounds. Our class had a great time weighing the pumpkin, and analyzing the data from all of the guesses. We discovered that our maximum guess was 354 lbs, minimum was 8 lbs, and the range was 346 lbs. We also found the mode, 100 lbs, and the median, 100 lbs. Thanks again to the Tracey family for providing the pumpkins!

A note from Mrs. Haas, our school nurse: If you would like to see how often your child has visited the nurse, the totals are listed on Skyward Family Access. If you don't have internet access, you can call Mrs. Haas for the information.