



3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts:

Our story this week has been "The Little Painter of Sabana Grande". We have worked on the story elements of character, setting, and plot. We also became "little painters" as we designed our own houses, just like Fernando in our story. In language we reviewed compound words and explored explanatory writing. Next week we will be reading "The Patchwork Quilt". *Students are invited to share with the class special quilts that they have at home.* Our spelling words will contain the /ou/ and /oi/ sounds.

Handwriting:

This week we worked on the uppercase cursive letters of A, O, D, E, and C.

Math:

Our math test scores over Unit 4 were excellent! Our next chapter covers place value in whole numbers to millions and in decimals.

Science:

We are trying to squeeze in some science before Christmas. This week we talked about chemical changes in matter and heat.

Calendar

Elementary Holiday Concert: Dec. 9

Holiday Parties: Dec. 21

No School: Dec. 22-Jan. 1

School Resumes: Jan. 4

Report Cards go home: Jan. 5

No School -M.L. King Day: Jan. 18

Spelling Words

Pretest: Dec. 7 Posttest: Dec. 11

found	spoil	power
enjoy	foil	clown
voyage	cloudy	noisy
count	poison	loyal
allow	choice	shout

Challenge Words:

anxious attic
costume examined
pattern

Reminders & Announcements

We will be having a holiday gift exchange in our classroom. Please purchase a \$3-5 gift for a boy (if your student is a boy) or for a girl (if your student is a girl). Thanks!

The end of the semester will be Dec. 21 — 400 pages will be due. The third graders have been doing an excellent job with their oral character book reports. If your child has not yet presented, please make sure they are ready on the day they signed up for. Thanks!

Our Wildcat Winners for November were Laura Wills and Destiny Schoenfeld.

Congratulations to Brady, Hunter, and Tristen! They each had more than 150 words in our Thanksgiving word challenge and received a bag of their favorite candy!

The NW Ill. Reading Council is sponsoring a Christmas Story Time for parents & students in pre-K thru 3rd grade. The children will hear a Christmas story, receive a book, and have refreshments. This will be held at the Eliz. Township Library on Sat., 12-5, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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