



# 3rd Grade News

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## Academics

### Language Arts:

This week in reading our story was a Japanese folk tale entitled "The Terrible Eek". We worked on sequencing events. In language, we will look at future tense verbs and comma usage. Over the next two weeks we will be reading "Cactus Hotel", and we will work on identifying cause and effect. Our spelling list next week will include words with the sounds /o/ and /u/ sounds.

**REMEMBER:** January book report projects are due next Friday, January 29th.

**Math:** We started our next unit which covers geometry. This week we reviewed line segments, rays, lines, as well as parallel and intersecting lines. Next week we will explore angles and turns, triangles, quadrangles, and polygons.

**Social Studies:** This week and next week we are discussing the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his role in the civil rights movement. The third graders are creating mobiles which display their hopes, dreams, and wishes for our world. We will also be returning to our textbooks to Chap. 7, "Being an Active Citizen".

## Calendar

*Homecoming Activities: Jan. 25-29*

*Midterm: Feb. 4*

*Family Literacy Night: Feb. 4*

*No School-Teacher's Institute: Feb. 5*

*Valentine Party: Feb. 12*

*No School- Presidents' Day: Feb. 15*

*End of 3rd Quarter: March 12*

## Book Reports

*Remember: 200 pgs. will be due at midterm (Feb. 4). Your child has read \_\_\_\_\_ pages toward this goal.*

## Spelling List

**Pretest: Jan. 25, Posttest: Jan. 29**

|        |        |           |        |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------|
| woman  | tall   | cookie    | bought |
| song   | pulls  | cause     | always |
| wolf   | fought | across    | sugar  |
| saucer | often  | footprint |        |

**Challenge Words:** discovered insects  
 remains tough treat

## Reminders & Announcements

**THANK YOU SO MUCH** for your incredible response to our fundraiser for the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. Your time and effort in baking and also in contributing funds to our worthy cause was overwhelming. The Galena Gazette was here today to report on our efforts. Mr. Bill Timm from the Carroll County Haiti Mission Project will be here next week to speak to the 3rd and 4th grade classes about Haiti and the incredible work their organization is doing in that country. We will have the total amount collected added up to share with you in next week's newsletter.

*Homecoming is next week! The dress up schedule is as follows: Monday: Pajama Day; Tuesday: Grandma/Grandpa Day; Wednesday: Decade Day; Thursday: Disney/Neverland Day; Friday: Spirit Day.*

Our Jump Start Student of the Week for "Asserting Yourself" is Zima Limani. Great job, Zima!

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