



3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts:

In reading this week, we continued activities from the "Cactus Hotel". We even drew our very own five-foot-tall "Cactus Hotel" (the real Saguaros can be ten times as tall!). In language we worked on note-taking, summarizing skills, and prefixes. Next week our story will be "Big Blue Whale", and we will be working on forming generalizations. For language we will be focusing on main and helping verbs. In spelling, all of our words will be compound words.

Math:

This week we explored polygons, such as pentagons and hexagons. Next week we will be wrapping up our geometry chapter with congruent line segments and polyhedrons. Our test over Chapter 6 will be next Friday, Feb. 12th.

Social Studies: We finished up Chap. 7, "Being an Active Citizen". We took an "open book" quiz and everyone did very well! Next week we will be kicking off our new unit on the Winter Olympics. We will be exploring the different types of winter sports, writing an acrostic poem about the Olympics, and other activities.

Calendar

- No School-Teacher's Institute: Feb. 5*
- Midterm Reports Go Home: Feb. 10*
- Valentine Party: Feb. 12*
- No School- Presidents' Day: Feb. 15*
- ISAT Testing: March 1-12*
- End of 3rd Quarter: March 12*
- Parent-Teacher Conferences: March 17-18*
- No School: March 18 & 19*

Book Reports

Directions will be coming home next week for the Feb./March book report project!

Spelling List

Pretest: Feb 8, Posttest: Feb. 12

<i>everything</i>	<i>sometimes</i>	<i>outside</i>
<i>someone</i>	<i>anything</i>	<i>without</i>
<i>playground</i>	<i>afternoon</i>	<i>sidewalk</i>
<i>newspaper</i>	<i>basketball</i>	<i>notebook</i>
<i>cardboard</i>	<i>fingernails</i>	<i>barnyard</i>

Challenge Words: adult mammal
calm feast swallow

Reminders & Announcements

We hope to see everyone tonight at Family Literacy Night (6:30-7:30 p.m.) The theme this year is "Hibearnate" with a Good Book! It will be a fun, relaxing evening for the whole family.

Our Jump Start Student of the Week for "Being Responsible" is Bennett Reese. Great job, Bennett!

Thanks again to those parents who are donating to our Valentine's Party on Friday, Feb. 12: Meagan Miller & Katrina Trueblood, treats; Carlene Haring, drinks; and Dena Brown, plates and napkins. The students can bring their Valentines in any day next week. Also, I have extra Valentines if anyone needs them.

GEAR Summer Baseball/Softball Sign up will be on Feb. 20th at the RR school from 9-12 and Feb. 27 in Hanover at the Park District from 9-12. Any questions, please call Dawn Speer at 815-858-3561.

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