



# 3rd Grade News

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## Academics

### Language Arts:

This week we read a nonfiction passage entitled "Pure Power" in which we learned about innovative ways to utilize solar and wind power. We worked on the reading strategy of identifying main idea and supporting details. We created our own "green" products and designed advertisements to sell them. Look for these projects at Learning Fair! We also took end of unit tests in reading, vocabulary, and spelling. In language we have been working on pronouns. Next week in reading our story will "The Bat Boy and his Violin", and we will work on making inferences. Next week our spelling words will contain the sounds /er/ and /el/. Pretest will be on Monday and the posttest will be on Friday.

**Math:** This week we started Unit 9, which again explores multiplication and division, and introduces the partial products and lattice multiplication algorithms. Earlier this week, directions for these algorithms were sent home. If another copy is needed, please let me know.

### Science & Social Studies:

We are currently working in Social Studies Unit 3: People Move From Place to Place. We have talked about Westward Expansion in the 1800's, including the role of St. Louis, the Oregon Trail, as well as modes of transportation and communication during that time.

## Calendar

- April 21: Midterm*
- April 22: Learning Fair 1:30 p.m.  
Book Fair 3-6 p.m.*
- April 26: Midterm reports go home*
- April 28: Third Grade Field Trip to Heitkamp-Planetarium at Loras College & Dubuque Arboretum & Botanical Garden*
- May 11: Volunteer Reception, PTO meeting*
- May 13: Field Trip to Madison Zoo*
- May 25: Track & Field Day*
- May 26: Last Day, Elementary Awards 8:05 am.*

## Spelling Words

dinner signal fiddle flavor collar handle summer travel metal motor cellar  
barrel center sailor stumble  
*Challenge Words: accept invisible  
equipment perform talented*

## Book Reports

**Your child has read \_\_\_\_\_ pgs. toward their goal of 200 pgs. due at mid-term, April 21st.**  
April book report projects (windsocks) are due on April 30th.

## Reminders & Announcements

Congrats to our Jump Start Student of the Week for the goal of "Be Aware": Bennett Reese.

*Inter-state Studio has a multi-family discount coupon for families with 2 or more children that were photographed on Spring Picture Day. If you would like a discount coupon contact Deb or Mr. Scarano in the office. Remember: all orders are due by April 21st.*

The RRMS Science Club is holding a Green Showcase on April 22 from 7 to 8:30 pm. The students will be presenting working models of green technologies (solar panels, electric engines, solar powered cars...); the public is welcome to come and join the fun, cookies will be served!

*RRMS will be presenting "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist" on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. There is also a soup and sandwich dinner from 5:00-6:30 p.m. that night sponsored by the H.S. student council. Tickets are \$4 in advance, and \$5 at the door.*

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