



3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts:

This week we read "The Bat Boy and his Violin" and we worked on the reading strategy of making inferences. We hope you enjoyed seeing our baseball "trioramas" based on this book at Learning Fair. In language we have been working on pronouns. Next week in reading our story will be "Two Bad Ants" by Chris Van Allsburg, and we will work on drawing conclusions. Next week our spelling words will contain silent letters. Pretest will be on Monday and posttest will be on Friday.

Math: We continued to work in Unit 9. The third graders did an excellent job as they worked on the partial-products multiplication algorithm. Next week we will work on finding factors of whole numbers.

Science & Social Studies:

We are working in Social Studies Unit 3: People Move From Place to Place. This week we explored the topic of immigration to the U.S. Next week we will be returning to science, and we will begin our study of the solar system. Our fieldtrip on Wednesday to the planetarium at Loras College will be an excellent introduction to this unit.

Calendar

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

wrong known daylight comb palm
 knock whole frightening limb
 folk wrinkle knife calf
 crumb height

*Challenge Words: bitter crystal
 gripped kingdom vanished*

Book Reports

Don't forget:

April book report projects (windsocks) are due on April 30th.

Reminders & Announcements

Congrats to our Jump Start Student of the Week for the goal "Helping Others": Tristen Angell.

Thank you so very much for coming to the Learning Fair on Thursday. The students worked very hard to prepare for this day, and it means so much to them to share their accomplishments with you!

Thanks to the PTO for providing an incredible guest speaker this week for our students and staff. Bill Sanders shared lots of great ideas, including the importance of remembering that we are all "thumbbody special" (ask your child how they can remember this).

RRMS will be presenting "Adventures of a Comic Book Artist" on April 30th at 7:00 p.m. There is 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. The elementary students will be able to see this play next Thursday afternoon.

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