



3rd Grade News

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Academics

Language Arts: This week we read Do Animals Think? and we worked on the strategy of making inferences. We also started writing our own fictional stories about animals who are able to think. In language we have been working on pronoun-verb agreement and possessive pronouns. Over the next two weeks we will be reading "Wilbur's Boast" which is a chapter from the book Charlotte's Web. We will work on drawing conclusions. Next week our spelling words are words with suffixes. Pretest will be on Monday and posttest will be on Friday.

Math: This week we worked on using the lattice and partial products algorithms to solve two digit by two digit multiplication problems. Next week we will review positive and negative numbers. Our test over Unit 9 will be on Wednesday, May 12th. After that we will begin Unit 10, Measurement, focusing on the most important concepts as we are running out of time in third grade!

Science: This week we continued to explore the solar system. Each student has been assigned a planet which they will be doing research on. In addition, each student will be responsible for the at-home project of creating a solar system model. Directions went home this week. As part of the model, students should include the names of each planet and one fact about each planet.

Calendar

May 11: Volunteer Reception, PTO meeting

May 13: Field Trip to Madison Zoo

May 14: Zoo Field Trip Rain Date

May 17: School Board Meeting 7 p.m.

May 25: Track & Field Day

May 26: Last Day of School, Elementary Awards 8:05 am.

May 26: 8th Grade Promotion

Spelling Words

wonderful comfortable unbelievable
invention busily direction quietly
collection powerful expression sadly
possession valuable discussion useful

*Challenge Words: considering seized
conversation hesitated interrupted*

Book Reports

Your child has read _____ pages toward the fourth quarter goal of 400 pages. This goal is due on May 21st.

Reminders & Announcements

Congratulations to our Jump Start Student of the Week for the goal "Making a Difference": Connor Brown

All library books will be due on May 14th!

Please note: River Ridge is hosting the boy's sectional track meet on Thursday, May 20th. We will be loading the buses at the main entrance that day. If you are planning to pick your child up after school that day, please meet your student at the main entrance. Thanks!

If your child has a summer birthday and we have not yet celebrated his/her birthday in class, they are welcome to bring treats any time yet this year, just let me know!

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