



Third Grade Gazette

Weekly Recap

Welcome again to Churchill School! It was so nice meeting a lot of you on Tuesday night and then meeting your children on Wednesday. I'm looking forward to this year and I hope your children are too!

There are a lot of exciting things happening this year! As some of you already saw, we have a SMARTboard in our room. The SMARTboard will be used on a daily basis in the classroom. From ordering lunch to solving math problems, all of the children will get the opportunity to use it!

Also this year, we will continue using a program for learning reading comprehension called Making Meaning. It really teaches the children how to understand what they are reading and gives them a love of reading, if they don't have it already. Partnered with Making Meaning, we will be doing Guided Reading. I know some of the teachers at Willow al-

ready use Guided Reading as their core reading program, but if not, it is a wonderful way to teach reading. More information on Guided Reading will follow.

For Spelling we will be using a program called Sitton Spelling. Please read the green spelling letter that is in your child's mail folder. It explains the program and how to study the words that your child will learn this year. It is very different than traditional spelling programs, so please ask if you have any questions.

For Math we will continue with Everyday Math. The SMARTboard will get a lot of use during math. I like to have the kids as active as possible during the lessons to help them to make sense of the math in their world and why it's so important to learn.

NWEA testing starts next week. On **Tuesday** we will

take the Reading section. Please make sure your child is rested the night before.

Attached to this newsletter is permission to print your child's information on the class list. Please check the things that you approve of for print. I'd like to get the class lists out as soon as possible. On the bottom half of the sheet is a spot for you to check if you would like to receive an emailed copy of the newsletters. I will only send a paper copy home if you don't want it emailed. I'm trying to reduce paper usage. Newsletters are also available online on the district website at www.hsd153.org.

It's been a wonderful start to the school year. I look forward to seeing all of you at Open House on September 22nd. Have a great year!

Mrs. Matula's
Third Grade Class

Friday, August 26th

Making Meaning

Unit 1 Focus

The Reading Life: Fiction and Narrative Nonfiction

Next Week's Stories

Miss Nelson is Missing
by: Harry Allard
Officer Buckle and Gloria
by: Peggy Rathmann

SPELLING - Unit 1

Word Preview

- along
- while
- might
- next
- sound

* these words WILL be on the test

Upcoming Reminders

"Me Bag" Schedule

Monday 8/29: Sheila
Tuesday 8/30: DeAngelo
Wednesday 8/31: Jayden
Thursday 9/1: Gracia

- **NWEA testing** for our class—Reading; Tuesday, August 30th
- Friday, September 2 - Early Dismissal 11:50am
- **No School, Monday, September 5, Labor Day**
- Thursday, September 22 - Open House

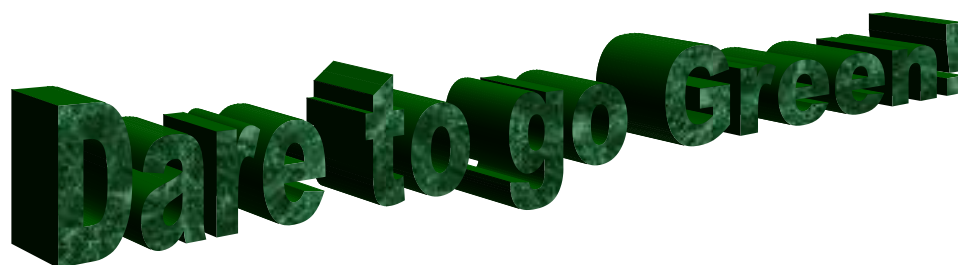
* Check with your child to make sure he/she has all school supplies, especially their gym shoes that are to be kept at school.

Child _____

Please check all of the information that you WOULD like to have printed on the class list.
Anything you do not check will not be printed.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> City | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Name(s) | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Last Name(if different) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Phone Number | <input type="checkbox"/> Parent's Email | |

Parent Signature _____



- Yes, I would like to receive the newsletter via email.
- No, please send a paper copy home each Friday.