



# Third Grade Gazette

## Weekly Recap

In reading the children practiced their literacy stations. Stations included the classroom library, buddy reading, spelling, vocabulary, and grammar. Each child visited each station during the week. As part of stations, there is always a must do activity that must be completed during station time. This work will be stapled together and sent home the following week in Friday Folders. Please take a look at it to see what your child is working on. Next week I will start meeting with groups. These small groups will help your child learn reading skills and strategies at their instructional level. Teaching children at their instructional level will help them become better independent readers. Because the books are shared school-wide, they will not be coming home with your child. To help them supplement reading at home, starting next week, each child will be required to read for 20 minutes each night. Please look for this log in their homework folder on Tuesday. It is to be completed and turned in every

Friday.

During Making Meaning we started Unit 3 with the story The Paper Bag Princess. We learned how to make inferences about characters in this story, and one of our previous stories, Officer Buckle and Gloria. The children then started to make inferences about characters in their own independent reading. Next week we will continue this strategy while listening to the story Julius, the Baby of the World.

Unit 2 is off to a good start in math. The children remember Fact Families and In and Out boxes from Willow. This year we take them a step further by using extended facts. Also in this unit we will be talking about multi-digit addition and subtraction along with ballpark estimates. Estimates can be tricky for some children so please make sure you are helping with homework when it comes home.

In Social Studies the children have been learning about our nations symbols, what they

are and why they are important. They will be bringing home a packet that they have worked on to study for their assessment that will be sometime next week. Please help them to practice at home. The packet does not need to be brought back to school. We will be using other things to review.

This week the children had their Unit 2 spelling test. In Friday Folders I have put their scored test and their most recent list of words they need to practice. Make sure that you are practicing these words and the Unit 3 Word Preview words at least every other night. Add it those 3rd grade Core words and your child should do fine.

Mrs. Matula's  
Third Grade Class

Friday, October 7th, 2011

### Making Meaning Vocabulary Words

- ☺ unfortunate
- ☺ fortunate
- ☺ immense
- ☺ fierce
- ☺ magnificent
- ☺ ungrateful

### Spelling Word Preview - Unit 3

\* these words WILL be on the next test.

few  
those  
always  
show  
large

## Upcoming Reminders

- Monday, October 10 - No School, Columbus Day
- Wednesday, October 12 - Churchill Parent Night 6:30pm - 8:00pm
- Friday, October 14 - Scholastic Book Orders Due



Frederic -  
Oct. 3rd

DeAngelo -  
Oct. 9th



Mastering  
Subtraction  
Facts

Jayden Cox  
Kelvin Zheng

**floppy**

25

*Floppy* means "soft and hanging down loosely."

*Making Meaning* Vocabulary

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**recall**

26

*Recall* means "remember."

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**clatter**

27

When things clatter, they bang together or rattle noisily.

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**disaster**

28

A *disaster* is "an event such as a fire, flood, or storm that causes a lot of damage or suffering."

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**celebration**

29

A *celebration* is "a happy event held to honor a special occasion."

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**retrieve**

30

*Retrieve* means "bring or get something back."

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**unfortunate**

31

*Unfortunate* means "unlucky or not fortunate."

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**fortunate**

32

*Fortunate* means "lucky."

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**immense**

33

*Immense* means "huge or very large."

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**fierce/fiercest**

34

*Fierce* means "dangerous or violent." *Fiercest* means "most dangerous or most violent."

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**magnificent**

35

If something is magnificent, you admire it because of its great beauty or size.

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**ungrateful**

36

*Ungrateful* means "not thankful or not grateful." If you are ungrateful, you do not thank someone who has done something for you or show your appreciation.

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**doubtful**

37

*Doubtful* means "uncertain or unsure." When you are doubtful, you are full of doubt.

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**nifty**

38

*Nifty* means "very good, clever, or useful."

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**ghastly**

39

*Ghastly* means "horrible."

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**dazzle**

40

*Dazzle* means "amaze or impress."

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**quiver**

41

*Quiver* means "tremble or shake."

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**command**

42

*Command* means "order someone to do something."

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**particularly**

43

*Particularly* means "especially or mainly."

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**speechless**

44

*Speechless* means "unable to speak because you are shocked, surprised, or very angry."

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**reunite**

45

*Reunite* means "come together again after being separated."

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**CROSS**

46

*Cross* means "annoyed and angry."

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**savory**

47

*Savory* means "pleasant to smell or taste."

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**realize**

48

*Realize* means "become aware of something or understand something that you did not understand before."

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