



Third Grade Gazette

Weekly Recap

What a busy first full week! During math this week we started talking about numbers. We practiced skip counting forwards and backwards by ones and tens and filled in number grids with 3 digit numbers. The children have been doing a great job returning their Home Links on time. Keep up the great work. Don't forget to look for the Parent Letter at the beginning of each unit. There is homework help on the back pages.

We also started Math Facts this week. Your child was tested and placed at their appropriate level. Please help them practice the facts on their top sheet when it is brought home. It should not just sit in their folder.

In reading this year, the kids are going to be part of a program called Making Meaning. Making Meaning works on reading comprehension strategies. Some of the strategies include, visualization, questioning, and inferencing. This week we read the stories Miss Nelson is Missing and Officer

Buckle and Gloria. The children learned appropriate behavior on the carpet during reading, we learned what it means to be part of a reading community, and we learned what it means to "turn to your partner and talk". TTYP is utilized to have the children listen to what others have to say in response to questions and then to also be able to share their answers with someone. When called on to respond, the student must say what their partner told them. This will increase the listening skills of the class. Next week the children will be listening to and interacting with the story, The Man Who Walked Between the Towers.

Next week we will be starting Vocabulary for Making Meaning. The words are listed on the right. The vocabulary words always follow the previous weeks' story.

Also as part of their reading program we will be using

Guided Reading. Based on your child's NWEA score and by listening to them read, they will be placed into groups that I will meet with at least once a week. Next week we will start practicing working together during stations.

In third grade we utilize the Sitton Spelling program. This program's philosophy is that children should learn words to become life long spellers, not just spellers for the test. A spelling letter has gone home. The 3rd grade core words are the words they will need to know throughout the year. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Next Tuesday the children will be taking their NWEA - Math test. Please make sure they are well rested the night before so that they can give their best.

Have a wonderful 3-day weekend!

Mrs. Matula's
Third Grade Class

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Making Meaning Vocabulary Words

- ☺ whiz
- ☺ squirm
- ☺ rap
- ☺ snap
- ☺ likely
- ☺ unlikely

Upcoming Reminders

"Me Bag" Schedule

Tuesday 9/6: Marissa

Wednesday 9/7: Charlie F.

Thursday 9/8: Adam

Friday 9/9: Andrew

- No School, Monday, September 5, Labor Day
- Tuesday, September 6 - NWEA testing for our class—Math
- Friday, September 16 - Scholastic Book Orders Due
- Thursday, September 22 - Picture Day
- Thursday, September 22 - Open House 6:30 - 8:00pm
- Does your child have all their school supplies?