



Third Grade Gazette

Weekly Recap

A big thank you to all the families that attended our Open House last week. I hope that you found it fun and interesting. We have a great group of kids this year. Thank you for sharing them with me! Congratulations to Charlie Franc's family. They won the Aurelio's gift card. Enjoy!

Last week we had our first field trip. The entire school went to H-F to see their production of the story **How I Became a Pirate**. The children enjoyed it. Before we went to the play, the children listened to the story and made their visualizations, the skill we have been practicing in Making Meaning. Upon returning we got to see the pictures in the story. It was quite exciting to see the differences and similarities.

In math we finished up Unit 1 and took the test on Friday. Our next unit will cover adding and subtracting whole numbers. The parent letter with home-

work help is in the Friday Folder.

In Reading next week, we will continue learning new literacy stations as I start to meet with 1 reading group a day.

We finished Unit 2 in Making Meaning where we practiced our visualization skills using the story **Aunt Flossie's Hats (and Crab Cakes Later)**. I read the story without showing the illustrations and then stopped at certain parts and asked the children to turn to their partner and talk about what they visualized. The children also had the opportunity to draw in their Making Meaning journal their visualization of one of the pages that I selected. We then practiced reading from one of our own books and drawing a picture to go with the text. The end of the unit letter is in your child's Friday Folder. Next week we will begin Unit 3 which talks about

Making Inferences about characters in fictional stories. Vocabulary words for **Units 1 and 2** are attached. Please practice them at home.

For spelling we have been practicing our seed activities that help with spelling skills. We also talked about the long /o/ sound this week. Next week we will review for our second test. Please make sure you are practicing any missed words from the last test as well as the 3rd grade core words.

I can't believe that September is already almost over. It still feels like we just started school. As a reminder, the mornings are starting to become a little chilly. Please make sure your child is dressed for the weather. They are outside on the playground until 8:10am unless it is raining.

Mrs. Matula's Third Grade Class

September 30, 2011

Making Meaning Vocabulary Words

- ☺ floppy
- ☺ recall
- ☺ clatter
- ☺ disaster
- ☺ celebration
- ☺ retrieve

SPELLING

Word Preview

- below
- saw
- something
- thought
- both

Upcoming Reminders

- Wednesday, October 3 - Fire Safety Smoke Trailer comes to Churchill
- Friday, October 7 - Early Dismissal, 11:50am
- Monday, October 10 - No School, Columbus Day



<p>whiz</p>	<p>1</p> <p><i>Whiz</i> means "move very fast." Some things that whiz make a buzzing or hissing sound.</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>squirm</p>	<p>2</p> <p><i>Squirm</i> means "wiggle, or twist your body from side to side, usually because you are bored or uncomfortable."</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>rap</p>	<p>3</p> <p><i>Rap</i> means "tap or hit something sharply (forcefully) and quickly."</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>snap</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Snap</i> means "speak sharply or angrily."</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>likely</p>	<p>5</p> <p>When something is likely, it probably will happen or is probably true.</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>unlikely</p>	<p>6</p> <p><i>Unlikely</i> means "not likely." When something is unlikely, it probably will not happen or is probably not true.</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
<p>unfinished</p>	<p>7</p> <p><i>Unfinished</i> means "not finished or not completed."</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>

<p>frantic</p>	<p>8</p> <p><i>Frantic</i> means "wildly excited with worry or fear."</p> <p><small>Making Meaning® Vocabulary</small> <small>© Developmental Studies Center</small></p>
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terrifying

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Terrifying means "very frightening."

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sway

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Sway means "move or swing from side to side."

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gasp

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Gasp means "breathe in suddenly because you are surprised, in pain, or out of breath."

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satisfied

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When you are satisfied, you are pleased because you have done something well or something has turned out the way you wanted.

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speck

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A *speck* is "a very small piece or spot of something."

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bound

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Bound means "move forward quickly with leaps or jumps."

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speedy

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Speedy means "fast."

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bare

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Bare means "empty." It also means "naked or not covered by clothing."

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seldom

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Seldom means "not often, or rarely."

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wondrous

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Wondrous means "amazing or remarkable." Something wondrous fills you with wonder or amazement.

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flutter

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Flutter means "wave or flap rapidly."

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clutch

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Clutch means "grab or hold onto something tightly."

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dodge

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Dodge means "move quickly to avoid someone or something."

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heartbreaking

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Heartbreaking means "very sad or upsetting."

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fury

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Fury means "great anger."

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bewildered

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Bewildered means "confused or puzzled."
When you are bewildered, you are not sure what to do or think.

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