

April Newsletter



Literacy

Language and Readers' Workshop



We are continuing to read and discuss our books in this Unit: Power. Students are learning that “power” can come in many forms from physical strength, mental capacity, social issues dealing with friendships, bullying or teasing, and many others. Students have done a great job of analyzing characters, determining themes and making amazing connections between texts. This week we started *The Other Side* and had a very rich discussion on figurative language used within the text.

In these books we have been analyzing characters and relationships. The 3rd graders have also been doing a great job adding evidence to their responses in their thoughtful logs. I am very proud of all their hard work. In reading, we continue to learn about realistic fiction. Over the next couple of weeks we will be discussing characters in a series and how “good” characters can make mistakes. Students will also be exploring the author’s craft by including words that make us feel a certain way and the use of punctuation to invoke more meaning to the text.

*3rd Graders did an amazing job during the Iditaroad and 3M came in 4th place! We are so proud of all the third graders and really appreciated all the extra reading they did at home!

Writers' Workshop-

3rd Graders continue to work hard on their persuasive editorial. There are so many great topics that include bullying, saving the sea turtles and food waste! As we work through the writing process, students will be organizing their information into three sections that will support their thesis. They will write paragraphs that include transition words, revise for greater impact, address their audience and edit their writing before publishing.

Word Study-

Every week, word study slides are put into Blackboard for the 3rd graders with activities they are to do at home. They all know where this is and can show you in our virtual classroom. Please make sure your child is practicing their automaticity 3 times a week and reading with fluency.

Math and Science/Social Studies

Math- This next chapter in Math, we are back to fractions. We will be working on equivalent fractions as well as fractions on a number line.

Just a reminder: Keep up that fact practice! Addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts are building blocks for your child to understand higher-level problems. Here is a link to some fun games your child can play to get their nightly fact practice in:

<https://www.education.com/games/third-grade/multiplication-facts/>

Social Studies- The past few weeks have been focused on "Our Town". We took a journey back through time into the 1900's in the city of Waukesha. The students learned of the importance of landmark locations throughout the city of Waukesha. They learned about the mounds at Cutler Park as well as Waukesha Springs.

FORWARD Testing

We are so proud of the 3rd grade jumping right into Forward testing the day we returned from Spring Break. They took their time and did their best. Next week they will be taking the math portion of the test.

Reminders:

Forward Testing in the morning	April 13, 2021
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Backwards Day	April 15, 2021
Pirate Day	April 21, 2021
Kentucky Derby Hat Day	April 30, 2021

Thank you and have a wonderful April!

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