

## May Newsletter



### Literacy

#### Language and Readers' Workshop:

We have started a literacy unit called Discovery. This unit studies how informational text is read and written. The essential questions that we are focusing on are: Why do we share discoveries? How do authors use text structures to teach their readers? How do writers effectively teach others?.



Above are the books we will be reading during our Language Experience block. We started with Cactus Hotel and learned all about the interdependence between desert animals and the Saguaro Cactus. We are exploring the author's message and looking at all parts of the text. These include the author's note, author's page, glossary and table of contents. Students are very excited to read all about the strange, pink animals in Pink is for Blobfish!

#### Writers' Workshop-

3rd Graders have started a new unit on Informational Writing. They are very excited about this genre of writing and will be writing an informational book on a type of severe weather. They have chosen their topics and now will begin researching their topic. We will focus on table of contents and subtopics as well as other non fiction text features. Students will be publishing their final book on book creator which will include what their severe weather is like, how to stay safe, and what kind of damage they can do! We can't wait to see the final product!

#### 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 diving into Gram, kilogram, liter, mass, reasonableness, scale on a graph, volume (liquid).

**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/>

**Science- CRAYFISH!!!!** The CRAYFISH are here. In this unit the students will discover the life cycle of a crayfish. We are becoming researchers of the 11 crayfish. The students feed, hold, measure, and observe the crayfish. At the end of this chapter they will have a presentation all about their experiences.

## End of the Year

We cannot believe this is our last newsletter of the year! This has been a year that we will not forget for so many reasons but the number one reason is the wonderful 3rd graders and families we've had the joy to get to know and teach. Meadowbrook is an amazing school and community and we appreciate all your thoughtfulness and support this year, we couldn't do it without you. We will miss our 3rd graders so much but luckily they will be right across the hall next year!

## Dates to Remember

MAPS testing	5/11 and 5/12
Beach Day	5/19
Early Release	5/28
YES DAY!!!	5/28
No School	5/31
Last day of school	6/9

Thank you and have a wonderful May!!!

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