

March Newsletter

Literacy

Language and Readers' Workshop

This month we will begin Unit 5: Power in Reading and Language workshop. The essential question in this unit is What is Power? In this unit, students will study four texts.



In these books we will be analyzing characters and relationships. We have been learning about character traits throughout our reading and language units and will dig deeper into these concepts. Students will think about how characters change throughout the stories and examine how the power characters have!

In reading, we are going to be diving into realistic fiction, analyzing character traits, thinking about how characters change and the author's message as well as figurative language authors use to invoke feeling.

*We will also begin the Iditaread which will run from March 8th to March 19th! Your child brought home a pink letter and reading log for you to help them earn "miles" for our class! We will also be working on stamina during our independent reading time at school to earn "miles" in the race! I know our 3rd graders love to read and I think we have a great chance to win the race!

Writers' Workshop-

3rd Graders finished up their fairy tales and they turned out great! They did an amazing job of adding dialogue, refrains, and details to their stories! We are so impressed with the amount of revisions that were made in their stories throughout this unit. We are so proud of their hard work!

In Unit 5, 3rd Graders will be working on persuasive editorials (think an opinion newspaper article). We did a persuasive letter in Unit 3 so we can't wait to see how the students can build on what they have already learned about persuasive writing. They will be thinking of problems they see in the world around them and possible solutions they have for the problems. They will write their article by stating a strong opinion, providing evidence, examples and details and sharing their solutions for the problem!

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- We are currently working on area and perimeter. Your child will be learning how to measure area and perimeter, so this is a perfect time to do this at home. Your child could measure the area and perimeter of their pillows, blankets, beds, closet, bathroom, pet cage or even their own bedroom.

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 - This month we are still learning about Natural Disasters around the world. The focus will be on earthquakes.

FORWARD Testing

This year's Forward testing is beginning this month and will continue through next month. We will be reviewing test taking strategies during reading and math this month to help them prepare. **It is also very important that your child has a working pair of headphones that stays at school for the duration of the school year for testing. Please ask your child if they are in need of headphones.** They should be at school by Monday, March 19th. Just like MAP testing, it is important that your child go to bed early on nights before testing and eat a healthy breakfast that morning. We know they're going to do great and make Meadowbrook proud!

Reminders:

End of Trimester Two
Wear Green Day!
Report Cards Visible to Families
Spring Break
Forward Testing in the morning

March 8, 2021
March 17, 2021
March 19, 2021
March 29 - April 5, 2021
April 6, 2021

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April 7, 2021
April 13, 2021
April 14, 2021

Thank you!

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Ms. O'Gorman
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