

January Newsletter



Literacy- Third graders will be sharpening their comprehension skills in our next literacy unit as we start our new unit: Lessons Learned. The essential question of this unit is What influences the lessons we learn? We will be exploring illustrations and how they can create mood, emphasize characters or settings and more. We will be studying folktales in reading and the elements of a story that make a folktale a folktale. In writing, 3rd graders will be adapting classic tales to create their own! We are all very excited for this next unit!

We are just finishing up our unit on Inquiry and have spent a lot of time dissecting nonfiction texts and their features. We have read informational books and narrative nonfiction books. The students loved learning about the Recycled Orchestra in the book, Ada's Violin and I was so impressed to see how much knowledge the 3rd graders have about recycling and Renewable Energy!

Please make sure your child is doing their 100 minutes of reading a week. It is a very important part of their reading achievement. Here is important data on the benefits. Also you can read more on this [web page](#).



Math- As we ring in the New Year we are shifting our focus from multiplication and division to fractions and geometry. Your child will be learning to identify and sort quadrilaterals. We will focus on attributes of each shape and how they are related. They will also begin learning about the basics of fractions, such as identifying the numerator and denominator and dividing shapes into fractional pieces.

Although we will be moving on from our multiplication and division unit, it is important that students continue to practice their multiplication and division facts for homework each night. Students will be focusing on one group of facts each week (ie - 2s, 5s, 10s) and will have times during the year to show their proficiency with those facts as they master them. A great site for your child to use in order to

