



## March Newsletter



**Showcase of Learning-** Thank you so much for attending your child's special showcase. ALL of the students were so proud to show off their wonderful accomplishments. What a pleasure it was to see all of the pride and joy shared with families. Congratulations to all third graders!

### Literacy

As we progress in Literacy, our next unit is called, Lessons Learned. In this unit students will be listening to and reading traditional literature. This genre includes fables, fairy tales, myths, legends and folktales. Students will discover that most of these stories has a message to be learned or an explanation of nature. Once our biographies are complete, the third graders will begin to create their own "fractured fairy tale". They will read a fairy tale and then change the story elements to fracture it Students will create new characters, settings, plots, problems and solutions to make their version of a story. This will be a fun experience for our writers as they dig deeper with their writing craft.

### Language Workshop

To kick off our Traditional Literature unit, the students listened to How the Stars Fell into the Sky. This story retells the traditional Navajo legend which explains why the stars and life are disorganized and chaotic. Students compared the main characters and wrote about how their actions affected the story and the Navajo people. The next Language Workshop book will be "Why Mosquitoes Buzz in People's Ears". This is a Caldecott Award winning folktale from Africa about the consequences of lying to other people and how they affect others.

**Math-** We have been learning about area and are beginning to learn about perimeter this week. Students will be finding the area and perimeter of rectangles, then composite shapes. Important vocabulary to discuss with your student are **area** - the size of a surface, **perimeter** - the distance around a two-dimensional shape, and **square unit** - a unit used to measure area. We will have a fantastic and exciting month in math!

**Science** - This month, your scientist will be learning about structures of life. We will be exploring how organisms change as they grow. We will be talking about seeds and plants, animals and their growth cycle, as well as

parts of the human body such as bones and muscles. We will also be touching on adaptations and how adaptations in animals and plants help an organism to survive.

**Forward Testing** - This year's Forward testing is beginning this month and will continue through next month. You should have received information about this already in your child's Thursday folders. 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 18th. 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!

### **Events/Reminders**

Report Cards Visible to Families	March 15, 2019
Continuums Shared (Check your email!)	March 15, 2019
Culver's Night	March 18, 2019
Hawaiian Day	March 20, 2019
Spring Break	March 25-29
Wear Blue for Autism Awareness	April 2, 2019
Forward Testing in the morning	April 2, 2019
Forward Testing in the morning	April 3, 2019
Forward Testing in the morning	April 4, 2019
Forward Testing in the morning	April 8, 2019
Forward Testing in the morning	April 9, 2019
Let's Learn Together Night, 6-7pm	April 9, 2019

Have a wonderful March!

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Horton

Mrs. Mazza

Mrs. Zirbel