

## Third Grade November Newsletter



Mrs. Anderson-Literacy

### **Reading and Language Workshop**

The students and I have been discussing a variety of books that reflect our theme of Relationships.. The essential question for this unit is: How are people transformed through relationships?

The stories we have read and discussed during Language Workshop are Always Remember, Mrs. Mack, Mango, Abuela and Me and Grandfather Gandhi. The students and I are discussing how the relationships these characters have make the characters' lives more and

see how the characters are transformed by them. During readers' workshop the students are learning to analyze the characters in their own books. The students will be creating trading cards about one character they pick from a book they are reading or have read recently. They will identify the characters' traits, analyze the character's thoughts, feeling and relationships and actions. The children are also learning to identify the theme in books we are reading. A theme is a message the author wants the reader to learn from the book. This message is universal and must be inferred by the reader.

Here is some [Information about book reading levels](#) that we talked about at Parent/Teacher conference. Also, here are the [questions to ask about any book](#) your child might be reading. These questions will help you check on your child's comprehension of the book they are reading.

### **Writers' Workshop**

The students are working on persuasive articles suggesting a solution to a problem in their community. The problems the students have picked have been so creative. Here are a few: Meadowbrook playground needs a rubber surface rather than wood chips, South Park needs more play equipment, Meadowbrook needs a wrap-around fence on the playground, a crosswalk is needed on \_\_\_\_ road. I have been very impressed. I have taught the students how to organize their thinking on a graphic organizer called a Four Square Paragraph. They have written reasons and supporting details to support their thesis statement. They are excited to publish these pieces on a Google Document. They should be publishing in the next week.

### **Mrs. Horton - Math**

The month of October was a busy one for our mathematicians and November is bringing some exciting content too. We just finished up our unit on addition and subtraction. Being fluent with facts up to 20 greatly helps when adding and subtracting numbers to 100 and 1000 so **keep up that math fact practice at home**. This month your child will begin to work on concepts of multiplication and division. We will be practicing and applying strategies to understand multiplication on a conceptual level. They will be creating arrays, practicing skip counting, and writing our findings in repeated addition and basic multiplication sentences. Also, students will learn about specific math properties that pertain to multiplication. These include: commutative, associative, zero and identity. We will also further our vocabulary with the terms factor, product, multiple, dividend, divisor, and quotient.

\*Looking for more great ways to practice math facts with your child? Now that we are entering our multiplication unit, students may begin practicing their multiplication facts if they have mastered their addition facts to 20. [www.multiplication.com](http://www.multiplication.com) is a great resource with great games and targeted practice

for each math fact. This website is fantastic for students to get in their ten minutes of math fact practice each night.

### **Science and Social Studies**

We are learning about forces and motion. We will be learning about gravity and how gravity affects many things on Earth. We will begin by creating pendulums and measuring the movement of objects. We will also be talking about citizenship as we celebrate Veterans' Day tomorrow.

### **Guidance**

Last month, Mrs. Desua will be talked with our class about personal safety. [This letter](#) explains her curriculum and can help you have conversations at home with your child.

### **iPad Usage Reminders**

Please continue to help your child to bring their iPad to school everyday **fully charged**. We have been noticing many students who need this reminder. In order to complete daily work, it is important the iPads are at school and fully charged. Remember to periodically check your child's iPad to assure they are using it appropriately. Good places to look are their photos and their internet search history. Together we can keep children safe with technology.

### **Reminders**

November 9 - Veterans' Day Celebration, 2:00  
November 9 - PTA Skyzone Family Event, 4pm  
November 14 - Wear Blue for World Diabetes Day  
November 15 - Math Night, 6-7pm  
November 16 - Third Grade Field Trip to Discovery World  
November 19 - Culver's Night  
November 21 - 25 - Thanksgiving Break  
November 27 - Crazy Hair Day  
December 5 - Literacy Night, 6pm

Please contact us if you have any questions.

Also, please update your email when it changes so you receive information.

Thanks so much for your support.

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