Oakland School
Bloomington, IL

News from 3D

Sept. 1, 2009

Mrs. Davis's Classroom Newsletter

Assignment Book

We have gotten off to a good start! It's hard for 3rd graders to learn organization and responsibility. Students are expected to copy assignments every morning. At the end of the day, time is set aside to check assignment books and pack take-home folders with unfinished work and homework. If your child is taking responsibility with these, give them some extra praise! Some children are still having difficulties, but with our patience and guidance I think we can be successful soon. Please remember to see and sign assignment books each night.

Spelling

Spelling begins on Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Each student's list will be individualized based on pretesting. Students will make an "At Home" spelling list on Mondays. They should keep and study this list all week. Spelling tests will be given on Fridays.

SRI

Students took a computer reading test (SRI) on Thursday, September 4th. You should receive a report on your child's score. This is reported as a "Lexile." This is used to plan instruction and help students select outside reading books at an appropriate level. This test will be given at the end of each quarter.

Pop-top Tabs

We collect beverage can tabs. This helps the Ronald McDonald Charities. It's a great community service project.

Library Books . . .

Students are allowed to check out 2 books per week from our Learning Center. **Books are due on Tuesdays!** Please see that your child returns any books borrowed from our Learning Center.

P.E. Shoes

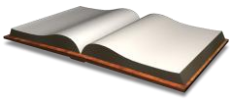
Please make sure your child has P.E. shoes on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.**

Where are we?

We are learning some global geography. Students should be able to locate our hemispheres (Northern and Western), our continent, country, state, and community. They should also be able to name the 7 continents, 4 oceans, and our neighboring countries of Canada and Mexico.

Outside Reading

Students have been taking Reading Counts quizzes on books they have read or book that were read to them. If they correctly answer 7 of 10 questions, they earn points. Students are expected to earn 25 points each quarter.



Upcoming Dates

Sept 3: Back to School Picnic (5:30)
Sept 7: No school (Labor Day)
Sept 8: SAT-10 Testing
Sept 14: 1st Book Report Assigned (Due 10/8)