

April 4, 2011

The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade



This week's Homework & Announcements

Every night: Read at least 30 minutes with your child.

BOOK-IT :

Only students needing to turn in missed packets need to participate this month.

MATH: Keep working on 0's, 1's, 2's, 5's and 9's basic facts for multiplication and division. Quiz your child often!

Spelling: NO SPELLING THIS WEEK! Use your time to study math facts for the quiz on Friday over basic skills!

Thinking Spring Thoughts!

I hope that you were able to get out and enjoy the beautiful weather this weekend. Spring is sneaking up on us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the Spotlight on Students Night April 28, 6:30. Our classroom will be open for viewing student work from 6:30-6:45. Then all third grade students perform for the guests at 7:00. Can't wait to see you there!

Language Arts

This week we will finish our reading of the book The Enormous Egg in class. We will read it throughout our homeroom time together. There will be reflection activities and comprehension work done as we read through the book. We'll do the majority of reading as a whole class read aloud. The children will also be thinking about and responding to the literature in their OSJ (Other Subjects Journal).

We will also work on our puddle poetry and puddle jumping pictures that will be on display for our Spotlight on Students Night, April 28th.

Math

This week we will start work in our math textbook over fractions. The chapter 8 test, over Fractions, Thursday, April 7th.

We will also continue to focus on our basic skills for multiplication and division. Please practice the basic skills at home as well to help your child memorize them! During April, we will take weekly quizzes over multiplication and division facts on Fridays.

Science

Mrs. Dawson

Wednesday and Friday are rock sharing days! Students may bring 1-5 rocks to share with the class.

This week we will focus on minerals. Then we will use a Venn to compare and contrast rocks and minerals. By the end of the week we will be discussing soil. We will learn how soil is made, not all soil is alike, and why soil is important.

Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

Last week students listened to I Am Rosa Parks, a story written by Rosa Parks. We used this story to discuss how she improved her community and other communities as well. For the remainder of the week we identified how Cesar Chavez, Ruby Bridges, and Lois Marie Gibbs improved their communities.

This week we will learn how Judy Heumann impacted her community. Tomorrow we will review chapter 6, and the test will be this Wednesday. By Thursday we will begin to learn how we are similar and different from students around the world as we begin chapter 7.

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

This week we will revisit the Sentence Patterns that we have learned so far this year and a few new patterns. Students will work in their Sentence Pattern Packet and create sentences with a small group and then independently. With these activities we will be reviewing the parts of speech of noun, verb, adverb, adjective and prepositional phrase.

We had students selected for The 2011 Annual Young Writers of America poetry contest. All the poems were wonderful and I am so impressed with the improvements all the third grade writers have made this year. Congratulations to the following students for being selected to appear in the book: Nick L., Daylin B., Hannah E., Kennedy C., Maddie S., Srikar A., Zach B., Mallory S., Ali A., Shaliya R., and Veerendra G. Way to GO!