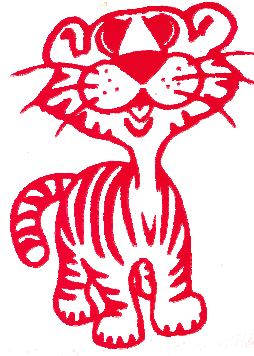


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The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade

Math



This Week's Homework & Announcements

Every night: Read at least 30 minutes with your child.
BOOK-IT : Make sure you are reading every day. Students will be responsible for turning in Book-It for January on February 1st.

MATH: Work on multiplication and division facts at home!

Spelling: Spelling words come home on Monday. Homework (spelling words written in sentences in cursive) due on Thursday.

We are continuing our work in measurement. This week we will focus on temperature, time, elapsed time and measuring to the nearest inch and centimeter. Students are also working on fractions and problem solving with fractions.

This week in math students will continue to work on multiplying and dividing the basic facts of 0's, 1's, 2's, 5's and 9's. Talk with your child about the MAGIC NINES! Please practice these basic facts at home to help your child memorize them.

Reading/Language Arts

Making inferences will be a skill we focus on this week during reading. Students have been introduced to this concept and have practiced it repeatedly throughout the school year. Now that they are better readers I know this will be a concept that will come easier to them.

We will continue to focus on fluency, comprehension and vocabulary this week. Students will be reading Mysterious Giant of Barletta and discussing the genre of folktale. Our reading comprehension focus will be following directions, which is very similar to sequence of events.

READ A RECIPE TOGETHER AT HOME and discuss the importance of doing the steps in order. Find a recipe in which the order really matters in how the recipe is put together. Bring the recipe, or tell us about what you learned at home, on Wednesday, January 26, during Language Arts Support time.

Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week we took the Chapter 4 test. We will go over the test and the quiz as soon as everyone in the room has had a chance to make up the assignment.

This week we will begin the chapter titled "Patterns in the Sky". In this chapter the children will discover what causes day, night, shadows, and seasons. This will also learn why the moon's shape seems to change. We will begin by making our new vocabulary cards.

Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

Last week we listened to episode three of *Jeff's Journey* titled, "Tough like Your Old Man." In this episode students discussed what the bystanders should do to help Tyler, the boy who is being bullied. We also discussed the importance of letting an adult that you trust know when you or someone you know is being bullied.

This week's episode is called "The Courage to Say Enough." Please be sure to ask your child what they learn about bullying this week.

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

During Writer's Workshop this week we will continue improving our reading skills, comprehension abilities and writing techniques. Students spent last week learning about the story elements of:

CHARACTERS (people or things doing the action in the story),

SETTING (where and when the story takes place),

PLOT (the events of the story) and

THEME (the lesson or moral we learn from reading the story).

Ask them at home about each story element.

This week we will focus on reading informational texts, main ideas and supporting details. The students are becoming such great readers in 2011 and their writing is showing that!