

March 28, 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 :

Due on April 1st!

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: Spelling

Words come home today! Homework due on Thursday, March 31, and test on Friday, April 1.

Welcome Back from Spring Break!

I hope that your time on break was relaxing and you were able to enjoy every minute. It was a refreshing Spring Break for me and I am excited to get fourth quarter started. I have just loved teaching this year and cherish the time I spend with your children. Thanks for sharing them with me!

Language Arts

This week we are continuing our reading of the book The Enormous Egg in class. We will read it throughout our homeroom time together. Students will be working on elapsed time for this time as well because we'll be filling in a clock about our start and stop times for reading. 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).

Math

This week we will start work in our math textbook over fractions. 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!

Science

Mrs. Dawson

The week before break the children finished up the chapter on the solar system. We took the chapter test. Today we went over the test, and you should find it in the Tiger folder. Please sign and return the test.

The next chapter we will study is "Rocks and Soil". This is a fun chapter. Rocks can be so interesting. In the chapter the children will learn how to tell one kind of rock from another and how rocks are formed. They will learn what soil is made of and why soil is important.

Starting next week we will have rock sharing days. During the weeks we are learning about rocks the children are allowed to bring rocks to share only on Wednesdays and Fridays. There is a limit of 1-5 rocks to be shared. A child can share as many Wednesdays and Fridays that he or she wants.

Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

Before break we concluded Jeff's Journey, a bullying unit. This prepared us for Chapter 6, which asks us to answer the question, "How do people change their communities?" Today 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 chapter we will learn some new vocabulary as we explore how Cesar Chavez, Ruby Bridges, Lois Marie Gibbs, and Judy Heumann impacted their communities for the better.

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

This week the students will be doing "Author's Chair." Each child will get at least one opportunity to share a writing they have been working on this year. They will get their classmates undivided attention as they read aloud their masterpieces! We will also work on paragraph writing and sentence patterns this week. The students worked hard in third quarter with paragraph writing and we will expand on this concept during the fourth quarter. As soon as I know the winners for the Young Author's poetry contest I will share this information with the children and parents through the newsletter. I am supposed to find out sometime in April. I hope we have some winners!