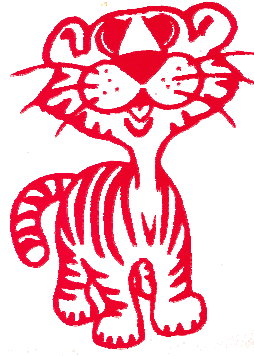


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# The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade

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## Math

This week students will take the Chapter 4 Test over graphing on Friday. These tests will come home on Monday, December 20, so corrections can be made and turned back in on Tuesday, December 21.

We will also be working really hard on our Green Problem Solving Packet on writing out the steps we have taken to solve math problems. The students are doing daily review of place value, money sense, problem solving, addition and subtraction as part of Math 4 Today and Drops In The Bucket work. These are worksheets that students are completing in class. Thank you for helping them complete these at home when they don't get finished during class time.

## This week's Homework & Announcements

Every night: Read at least 30 minutes with your child.  
BOOK-IT : Make sure you are reading every day even though things seem to get busy this time of year. Students will be responsible for turning in Book-It in January.

MATH: Test on Friday!  
Practice basic skills for addition and subtraction at home!

NO MORE SPELLING UNTIL 2011! Green spelling booklets from 2010 are coming home today in the Tiger Folder. Review all the words your child has learned to spell!

## Reading/ Language Arts

Finding main ideas can be a very difficult skill. We have worked with students to find details in selections we've read and encourage them to write with details in their stories. When finding the main idea those details are not involved. We will work on this skill during our story, Dancing Rainbows, from the Houghton Mifflin reading book and during our Guided Reading times with Ms. White this week.

READ, READ, READ! Make sure you are reading at home with your child. Studies show that children who have parents who value the reading time at home are more successful. Set aside a time each and commit to reading for 20-30 minutes daily.

## Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week in science we were creating food chains and a food web. A food web is several food chains together. We also began discussing competition. This week we will think of examples of competition between plants and animals.

In addition to competition we will discuss how environments change. The changes we will talk about are from animals and natural events.

## Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

Last week we finished chapter five when we read a story called, How I Live in America, completed the chapter test, and presented our diversity projects. The chapter test will be coming home this week.

This week we will begin learning about popular winter holidays in America: Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa. We will be reading various stories as well as visiting Scholastic's website that gives information about each holiday.

## Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

The Instruction Booklets were so informative and the students really did a great job with the illustrations. Booklets will be returned with the grading rubric throughout this week. (Mrs. Cottrell's booklets came home last week.) The other graded work that came home last week was the narrative writing on a winter activity. The packet that came home included the prewriting, draft, revising and editing work the students completed in class. These are displayed for all to see during the Holiday Tea on Thursday, December 16.

This week we will work on responding to literature. Students will listen to book read aloud to them and then we will complete writing activities for each of the books. Some of the books we will read include A Snowman Named Just Bob, Wilfrid Gordon McDonald Partridge and Tales from the Stinky Cheese man.