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The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade



Math

We are working on Subtraction. This is Chapter 3 in our math book. Practice with students at home so they can master re-grouping. This is a difficult concept and they will need your support to master it. Watch for homework over addition and subtraction to come home daily this week. Each is due the next day. Thanks for your support and help!

Reading/ Language Arts

New Book-It packets will come home this week. Students should finish the projects just as they did during October. It has been great fun handing out FREE pizzas!

This week's Homework & Announcements

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

Spelling THIS WEEK!
Homework sheet comes home Monday and is due on Thursday. Spelling test will be on Friday.

Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you for coming and meeting with me for conferences. I enjoyed meeting with you and hearing your reflections on how third grade is going for your family. Remember that I am always available via email and you can call my phone anytime! Keep me informed of what your family needs to keep these successes going.

Social Studies

Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week we took the chapter 2 test and also had a vocabulary quiz. Both of these papers should be in the folders today. Please sign and return the test so I know that you have seen this assessment.

Today we went over the chapter 2 test and the vocabulary quiz so the children could mark the correct responses. This week we will make new vocabulary cards for chapter 3. Chapter 3 is titled "Where Plants and Animals Live". In this chapter we will learn what an ecosystem is. The children will be able to identify different kinds of land and water ecosystems. Most of this week we will focus on primarily what are ecosystems.



Last week we identified the features of physical geography, climate, and natural resources within Roseburg, Oregon, Las Cruces, New Mexico, and Gloucester, Massachusetts. Students then began working in partners to create a travel brochure for one of these states.

This week students will complete their plans for a travel brochure and actually make the brochure itself during class. Students will use these brochures as a model for the unit project. This project is coming home late this week. It is an at home project that will replace the unit exam. **Please watch for the social studies project to come home. It is due on or before Thursday, November 11th.**

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

This week we will be creating our own poetry during Writer's Workshop. We will be spicing up our writing with figurative language. Similes, metaphors, onomatopoeia, personification and alliteration will all become author's techniques we showcase in our writing pieces. Students will work in their Poetry Book to showcase their best examples of figurative language.

We will go through the writing process for this activity and publish our poems in a third grade poetry book that will be on Ms. White's website. We are very fortunate to have Ms. Plath and Ms. Grady joining us from ISU. They will be great resources for the students as they work on the poetry.

