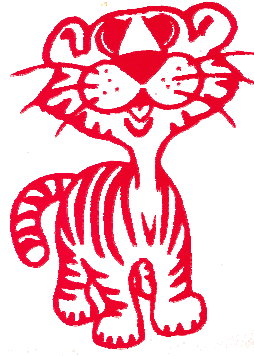


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The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade



Math

This week students are finishing work in Chapter 3. Our test will be on Friday, November 19. Students will be assessed on addition and subtraction concepts covered throughout chapter three. Problem solving and reviewing rounding also were emphasized during this chapter.

We are doing daily problem solving activities in addition to our weekly green book of problem solving where students write about the steps they took to solve a problem. I'm excited to see them growing in these skills.

Last week we received a huge compliment from Mrs. Smith. She is a retired teacher from Stevenson Elementary who came in to do a problem solving activity during Mrs. Dawson's science class. She said we were great problem solvers!

Reading/

Language Arts

As Thanksgiving comes close we wrap up our unit on family traditions. Please take a moment to reflect on your family's traditions. Students have offered ideas and insight about traditions which has enriched the connections they make to the story.

Remember to read each night with your child. Please focus on making connections to the characters in the story. Ask your child what the events in the story remind them of from their own lives. These are skills that help them relate to the books and stories they are reading.

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 on Friday, November 19.

Please check the Tiger Folder as there is much work coming home today! Remove stickers and put them on your sticker chart.

Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week in science we focused on the grassland, desert, and the tundra. We learned characteristics about each. We were able to compare and contrast the three also.

This week we are going to talk about deciduous, coniferous, and tropical forests. We will again decide how they are alike and different. By the end of the week we will be discussing water ecosystems.

Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell

The chapter 3 Bloomington, Illinois brochure project was due. If your child has not yet turned this in, please have them complete it and send it to school as soon as possible. The brochure project is taking the place of the unit test for chapter 3, so it is a large portion of their grade.

Last week we began our study of chapter 4. In this chapter, we have been answering the question: How do people become a part of our country? During the week, we discussed what it feels like to go somewhere new and unknown which helped us while playing the Immigration Game.

This week, we are concluding the Immigration game. So far, we have learned why someone would want to immigrate. During the week students will identify how immigrants get to the United States and what life is like for them when they get here. **On Friday we will review the chapter in preparation for a unit test on Monday, November 22nd.**

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

Cinquain poetry was written last week during our Writer's Workshop time. Each student wrote about a winter time noun (person, place, or thing). We worked on adjectives and verbs about our topic. Students also had to know how to count syllables in a word and line of poetry. Here is an example of the poetry we worked on that will be on display during the Holiday Tea.

penguin
black, white
waddling, swimming, leaping
a tuxedo in the cold water my eighth birthday party
emperor

This week students will work on their narrative stories about a winter time activity they enjoy. They have brainstormed winter words during Learning Center time last week so they have their brains thinking snowflakes, cold weather, and warm clothes. I'm excited to hear about the activities they enjoy outdoors each winter. These stories will be written in narrative form. This means that the story will step the reader through the events sequentially. We will begin with a graphic organizer and comic strip to plan our writing. These are also going to be on display for the Holiday Tea in December.