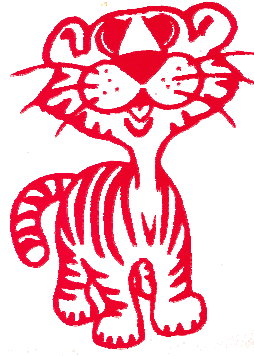


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The NEWS From MS. White's 3rd Grade



Math

Chapter 2 has been finished and we are completing the math test on Monday, October 18. Students will bring their tests home in the Tiger Folder on Monday, October 25. It was a long chapter with many concepts centering around place value. We will continue to do place value work throughout the year as we do our Math 4 Today daily math warm-up.

Our next chapter in math, Chapter 3, will focus on addition and subtraction. Students will be master multiple column and row addition ($23+45$; $459+293$; $343+563+234$) and subtraction with borrowing. Zeros in subtraction are typically difficult and we will do a lot of practice with these. Remember that your child can always bring home the math textbook for additional practice at home.

Reading/Language Arts

This week we focus on the genre of poetry. Genre is a word that 3rd graders will hear a lot this year! Genre means a type of literature. We will study poetry, fiction, non-fiction, biography, fantasy, realistic fiction, tall tales and folk tales. Last week third graders received a Passport to Literature. During this school year they should read a variety of genres and get their passport stamped by Mr. Bohne in the library. Each genre has an activity that goes with it. Students are keeping their purple Passport to Literature booklets in their reading folders. However, they can take these home to work on the activities as well. Ask to see your child's passport!

Remember also that we students are reading at home for the Book-It program. Students should complete four different books and complete only one worksheet/activity for each book. I hope we all earn our pizza prize! Please turn Book-It packets in by November 1, 2010.

This week's

Homework &

Announcements

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

NO SPELLING THIS WEEK!

We will be completing a pre-test for the next level in spelling this week so there is no homework or graded test on Friday.

Also, Ms. White will have a substitute teacher on Thursday and Friday. I will have my cell phone (1-309-825-9670) but will not be answering emails on these two days. The Stevenson office has our conference schedule so if you have questions about the conference schedule or to confirm a time you can call 663-2351.

Social Studies



Last week we began chapter 3. In this chapter we are learning about the geography of other places in the United States so we are able to identify the geography of our community. We began this chapter by learning our 17 new vocabulary words and started working on a vocabulary poster project in class.

This week we will complete our vocabulary posters during class. After we finish our posters we will be introduced to the chapter by learning about the features of a travel brochure. This will prepare us for our end of the week activity where we will identify the features of physical geography, climate, and natural resources within Roseburg, Oregon and Las Cruces, New Mexico.

Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

This week we are doing poetry with our reading series and 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 have a book for practicing the figurative language. In this same book they will create poems using our new author's techniques.

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. The link for this project will come home in the newsletter at the beginning of November.

