

September 7, 2010

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

## SAT-10 Testing This Week...

Since we are doing the SAT-10 testing this week, we will not be switching for reading time in the morning. Students will take tests over reading vocabulary, comprehension, spelling, science/s.s. and math. These tests give

us a picture of where your child is performing at the beginning of third grade so we can best create learning for them. We should be able to share the results of the test during our conference in October.

## Reading

This week in the Tiger Folder, students, who have Ms. White or Mrs. Cottrell for reading, are bringing home a 10 point test we took over the story Cliff Hanger. These comprehension tests will be given after each story we read in class. We read the story at least three times during the week prior to the students taking the test. Please sign this and return it to school in the Tiger Folder on Wednesday. Students will make corrections during class time next week. Mrs. Dawson's students will bring theirs home next week after corrections have been made.



## Math

We will finish our work in Chapter 1 this week. Students will have a math test on Monday, September 13. Addition, subtraction, fact families and problem solving will be the focus for this assessment. A study guide for the test will come home on Thursday, September 9.

## Special points of interest:

- > Last week the Boy and Girl Scouts visited Stevenson! There are informational meetings scheduled for this week. Girl Scouts at the YMCA on Main Street from 10am-2pm Saturday, Sept. 11. Boy Scouts should come to Stevenson Thursday, Sept. 9, at 6:30pm.
- > FALL FUNDRAISER DUE SEPTEMBER 14
- > Tiger Clothing Orders DUE SEPTEMBER 15

# Science

Mrs. Dawson

Last week we observed leaves with a hand lens just a scientist would. We also learned 4 things all plants and animals need, plus the three ingredients leaves use to make food. Ask your child to share what they have learned.

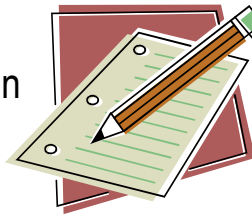
This week we will take a closer look at roots and stems. The children will learn what is a "tap root". They will get to observe some plants that have tap roots too. Since all stems are not alike, many examples of stems will be provided for the children to observe. There will be a lesson on how stems help plants. This lesson will specifically refer to a cactus.

# Writer's Workshop

Ms. White

During the first week in September third graders worked on the mechanics of a sentence. They are learned the difference between a fragment and complete sentence. Writing statements and changing statements to questions was our assessed activity last week.

We will begin this week with a review of fragments and sentences and then learn how to use the question to give a complete answer. Students will be writing an explanation paragraph that contains a topic sentence and at least three reasons or facts as support.



# Social Studies

Mrs. Cottrell



Last week we continued our study of chapter one. So far we have learned about the hemispheres, continents, oceans, countries, states, and communities. Now that we have a general understanding of each of these, we will work this week to discover the hemispheres our continent is in. We will also identify our country in a map of our continent. Then we'll find our state and label communities within it.

On Friday we will take a break from chapter one to learn about Patriot's Day. We will be reading the book, Fireboat by Maria Kalman and discussing general facts from September 11, 2001. Some pictures of ground zero will be shown from the book, September 11, 2001: The Day That Changed America by Jill C. Wheeler. Since Patriot's Day is a sensitive topic and everything will not be shared with students, they may come home with some questions for you. Please take a few moments to share your experiences with your child over the weekend to clear up any confusion and questions he or she may have.