



Elliott's Events



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Here are a few quick classroom updates:

1. We have our class government and economy in place. The students all have a classroom role that is very important in the daily running of our classroom. The students are also earning classroom money. They will have to be responsible savers and spenders in order to be successful. The students have a choice to rent their desks monthly, or pay a one time fee to buy their desks. It is interesting to hear the conversations about their plans—many are planning to save their money so they can buy their desks.
2. We have started spelling instruction in our reading groups. Based on student needs, groups are focusing on different spelling patterns. The students spend time sorting words, looking for additional words that will fit the spelling pattern, and identifying words in their reading. The students are keeping a dictionary of their spelling patterns so they can use it as a reference tool when they are writing.
3. We have started doing daily math fact timed tests. We are working on mastery of multiplication and division facts. The students have a choice each day of which test they want to complete, or they may choose to use that time to practice if they don't feel ready to take a test.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email.

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Next Week in 3rd Grade:

Math: We will complete some differentiated review work for unit 1, and we will take the unit 1 test.

Writing: We will complete a 3rd grade district performance writing task to help determine our greatest strengths and areas of need in writing instruction.

Reading: We will continue with our guided reading groups.

Science: We will begin our new unit called Cycles on Earth and Space. The beginning of this unit focuses on seasons.

OUR HABIT OF THE WEEK
NEXT WEEK IS: Think Win-Win

Specialist Schedule



Monday: Computers 1:40-2:10
Library 2:10-2:40

Tuesday: Art 1:40-2:40

Wednesday: Computers 1:40-2:10
Library 2:10-2:40

Thursday: Counselor 1:10-1:40
P.E. 1:40-2:10
Music 2:10-2:40

Friday: P.E. 1:40-2:10
Music 2:10-2:40

Math Fact Practice

The students are tracking their math fact progress in their leadership notebooks, and we are tracking our class progress towards our math fact mastery as well. Please continue to practice math facts at home every night. The standards expect third graders to be fluent with their multiplication and division facts by the end of third grade. We practice in class, but nightly practice is necessary. It would be best to focus on one set of facts at a time. If your child is struggling, have him/her first work on practicing the "count bys". For example, if your child is working on the 3s time tables, he/she should start by learning the multiples of 3: 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30. Once he is solid with the count-bys, he will be more successful when practicing the facts.

Reminder:

Next week students only have school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Teachers will be doing staff development work on Thursday and Friday.

The week of 10/20 students also only have school on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday due to parent/teacher conferences.



School-Home Connection

No School (teacher development days): 10/16 & 10/17

Carrie Martin Book Fair: 10/20-10/23

Parent-Teacher Conferences: 10/22 & 10/23

No School for students: 10/23 and 10/24

