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Elliott's Events

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Hello Families,

This week is Spirit Week at Carrie Martin! The days for the rest of the week are as follows:

Tuesday: Lazy Day (wear pj's or comfy clothes/ students may bring 1 small stuffed animal)

Wednesday: Crazy Hair Day

Thursday: School Spirit Day (wear any Carrie Martin shirts, or school colors - blue/silver/white)

Friday: Christmas Day - wear red and green

We are nearing the end of our second quarter. Our "Wildly Important Goal" for math is for students to be fluent with their 1s, 2s, 3, 4s, 5s, and 10s multiplication and division facts. Fluency means that students can give their answers within 3 seconds. The students will not become fluent without practice. Please support your child with math fact practice at home. 10 minutes a night will make a huge difference!

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please contact me by phone or email.

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Life in 3rd Grade:

Math: We have been working on our measurement unit. Last week we focused on telling time on an analog clock, and solving problems involving elapsed time and adding and subtracting time. This is always a very difficult concept. You can help at home by having your child practice telling time on an analog clock and discussing your schedule for the day. Encourage your child to figure out the elapsed time for your daily activities.

Writing: We just started an opinion writing unit. Last week we compared and contrasted opinion and informational writing. We discussed that the structure of opinion writing is very similar to informational writing. We went over the opinion writing rubric so the students understand the expectations. This week the students will have the opportunity to respond to an article in our *Time For Kids* magazine. They could even have their opinion writing published in a future issue!

Reading: We are working on understanding the point of view of the author and/or characters in a text. This ties in nicely with our opinion writing unit.

Science: We started our "Measuring Matter" unit last week. We worked on measuring lengths with a meter tape. This week we will use tools such as syringes to measure liquid volumes, and we will use balance scales to measure the mass of different objects.

Things to Note...

Food Drive:

The classroom food drive competition started today. Thank you so much to all of you who have already sent some canned goods in to school!

Cursive Club

I will be starting Cursive Club this week. It will be held in our classroom during lunch on Thursdays. This is a voluntary activity. The students who choose to participate will practice cursive while they eat lunch, and then they will go outside for their recess time. Please see the note I sent home today for more information.

HABIT OF THE WEEK: Synergize

Specials Schedule:



Monday: Library 10:30-11:30

Tuesday: Art 10:30-11:30
Counselor 1:30-2:00

Wednesday: Computer 10:30-11:30

Thursday: Music 10:30-11:00
P.E. 11:00-11:30

Friday: Music. 10:30-11:00
P.E. 11:00-11:30

School-Home Connection

Classroom Food Drive Competition: 12/4-12/8

Caught Leading Assembly: 12/6 @ 3PM

Santa Craft Fair at CMES: 12/12

PTO Meeting: 12/13@ 7PM

3rd/4th Music/Art Showcase 12/14 @ 6:30PM

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