



Elliott's Events



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As a school, we have set a reading goal for students and staff to read 40 million words by the end of the school year. The goal for our 3rd grade class is to read 3,750,000 words to contribute to the school goal. We are tracking the number of words the students are reading through a program called Accelerated Reader (AR). When the students finish reading a book, they can take a short reading test on the AR website (this can only be done at school). The AR program keeps track of the books the students take tests on and the number of words in the books.

After looking through some of the AR reports, I noticed many of the students are having difficulty choosing books to read that are at their individual reading levels. We have been discussing this in class during the last two weeks, and I will continue to check in with the students to support them in finding "good fit" books. When students spend time reading books at their independent reading level, they make faster growth and are more successful in reading. Scholastic has a free app that can be downloaded called the "Scholastic Book Wizard." This app allows you to scan the barcode of a book and then provides you with the level information for that book. This is a great resource for you to use at home when helping your child find books to read. When I am finished with our mid year assessments, I will send the students' current reading levels home with them.

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

Next 2 Weeks in 3rd Grade:

Math: We will continue to work on place value, including addition and subtraction strategies for multi-digit numbers, and problem solving. We will also complete a mid year assessment.

Writing: We will finish our narrative writing unit and we will revisit informational writing. We will also complete a mid year district writing performance task.

Reading: We will complete some mid year assessments and regroup our students accordingly.

Social Studies: We will finish our social studies unit and we will begin our next science unit called "Cycles on Earth and in Space."

OUR HABIT OF THE WEEK NEXT
WEEK IS: Be Proactive

Specialist Schedule



Monday: Art 11:05-12:05

Tuesday: Library 10:00-10:30
Computers 10:30-11:00

Wednesday: Computers 11:05-11:35
Library 11:35-12:05
Counselor 12:10-12:40

Thursday: P.E. 11:05-11:35
Music 11:35-12:05

Friday: P.E. 11:05-11:35
Music 11:35-12:05

Spelling:

Once again, with a short week next week the students will not be responsible for a spelling list/test. We will resume our regular word work/spelling schedule during the week of January 25.

Newsletter:

I will not send a newsletter home next week since it is a short week. The next newsletter will come home on Friday, January 29.



School-Home Connection

No School: 1/18

No School (Teacher Development Day): 1/19

Science Fair: 1/29 from 5:30-7:30

