



Here's what's happening in *3rd Grade*

November 1, 2017

Upcoming Dates:

- 11/1 – Pearson Realize training @ 5:30 in the Music Room
- 11/3 – BES GoRuck event
- 11/3 – End of Trimester 1
- 11/9 – Hurricane Irma make-up day
- 11/10 – Conference day (No school for students)
- 11/16 – 6th grade Spaghetti dinner
- 11/20-11/24 – Thanksgiving Break
- 11/30 – School store

Courtyard Canteen

Every Thursday during snack (10-10:15), students will have the opportunity to purchase snacks at our new Courtyard Canteen. Some of the snacks include: electrolyte popsicles, granola bars, fruit snacks, Gatorade, Cheez its, and many more! All snacks cost \$1 and cannot be billed to your school account.

Extra Halloween Candy?

If you have any candy that you would like to recycle and donate to our classroom, I would love to take it off of your hands! I am sure that our third graders would appreciate a variety of candies to choose from when being rewarded for keeping all of their BLURT letters along with yummy math and science activities! Just send it in with your child and I will find a great home for it!

Curriculum News:

Math: Third grade has wrapped up our Topic 2 Unit and we will show off our mastery of the skills we have been developing for about a month now. Throughout Topic 2, we learned strategies and patterns that help us solve basic multiplication problems (0-10). With the continual reiteration of mathematic vocabulary, the students are creating an understanding of how to solve real world problems.. Additionally, our Fast Math quizzes continue to WOW me. As of last Wednesday, all third graders have completed Level 1 – WAHOO!

Science: We have just wrapped up Chapter 1: Forces and Motion. The students learned a variety of vocabulary words that relate to forces and are using this language in their every day conversations with each other. Last week we even brought in some very popular Tech Decks to help us determine the effects of friction on moving objects. Chapter 1 test will be on Thursday, November 9.

Language Arts: As the first trimester comes to an end, I could not be happier with the children's progress in 3rd grade. We have learned about and applied many reading comprehension strategies in our weekly stories. From identifying main ideas and details to analyzing characters to sequencing events in a story, we have tapped into a wide array of important reading skills. The students are naturally using these reading skills with each sequential story that we read in class. In Shurley English, we have been working avidly with various parts of speech as we classify "Pattern 1" sentences. The kids are comfortable identifying nouns, verbs, adjectives, and adverbs in any given sentence. In addition to parts of speech practice, we have become experts in synonyms and antonyms over the course of our Shurley English studies. I am excited to see how breaking down sentences by their individual part translates into strong writing skills when we begin expository essays next month.

Social Studies: As a preview into our 3rd Grade Social Studies focus of the United States, we have spent ample time reviewing map skills, cardinal directions, and various types of maps. In addition, we have recently spent time discussing our government. The kids learned The Preamble in song form, and they are excited to be learning about the three branches of government. We will learn about the United States by region. The first region they will learn about is the Northeast. Be prepared for your child to study his/her states and capitals over the course of the next few months.