



THIRD GRADE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

We are quickly moving through our first quarter of the school year. Everyone has been busy adjusting to switching classes, getting organized, being responsible for all of the supplies needed, and learning procedures in their homeroom classes, as well as their differentiated math classes. We will begin switching classes for academic enrichment this month. During this period of time, we will group students across the grade level during a period of time called "Learning Lab". This is a 45 minute of time that allows literacy differentiation occur in a variety of ways. We will have staff support, including the TD teachers, EC teachers, the ESL teacher, and Instructional Assistants push into our classrooms to meet the needs of our students and team-teach with all of us to enhance and enrich all learning styles and needs. Parent conferences are coming up at the end of October.

This month, your child will be learning the following:

Literacy: Students will continue Balanced Literacy instruction in homeroom classes and individualized enrichment during Learning Lab. Each day your child will practice reading independently, studying words, guided reading with their teacher, and writing instruction. For writing, students will continue to practice developing personal narratives using each stage of the writing process.

Math: In math, we will finish our unit on numeration, estimation and mental math and move into adding and subtracting within 1000. Feel free to have the students log on to Pearson Realize at home and show you what they are learning!

Science: We will complete our study of the states of matter and continue with a new unit on energy.

Social Studies: We will study how family structures have changed over time. We will also study how cultural diversity affects individuals and societies.

Health: We will implement a plan to escape fire at home while avoiding smoke inhalation.

Important Dates to Mark on your Calendar for the month of October:

- 11th- Parent Meeting on Reading MAP and Reading 3 D Reports, 6pm
- 12th- Red Ribbon Reading Assembly
- 17th- Fall Pictures
- 19th- Reed Gold Mine Field Trip
- 19th - Friday Night Lights 5:00-7:00pm
- 26th - Character Ed. Assembly
- 31st - Teacher Workday/Parent Conferences

Thank you again for all of your support and encouragement. We are enjoying your children and hope they are enjoying 3rd Grade. We look forward to seeing each of you at the upcoming conferences!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Chalfant, Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Brownlow, Ms. Dillard,
Mrs. Williams, and Ms. Smyth