

**Troy
Elementary**

Mrs. Sandquist's and Mrs. Sullins' Classroom News

Sept. 1, 2023

What's Happening

Welcome third and fourth grade families. We are up and running and learning new things every day. We have great classes of excited learners this year!

Special points of interest:

Labor day, Mon. Sept. 4th-no school.

Fair days-no school-Thurs. Sept. 14th and Fri. Sept. 15th.

Late Start(10:15am) Wed. Sept. 27th.

- Spelling List for Aug. 28th-Sept. 8th: Tests will be on 9/8 & 9/22

3rd: 8/28-mask track stamp stage grade they batch chance graph trade raise eight safety wrapped laugh ramp crane flame magical station 9/11-wrench hello yellow bread kept better sentence eggshell medal metal remember reading peaches peace piece east west many special beanstalk

4th: 8/28-package dwell activity festive spend attitude elephant alligator shelf bandage measure rapid nonsense scrap meant taxes enter camper eggplant special edit began ramp absence except

9/11- costume swift cotton imitate suddenly building kitchen cousin window shock fling crunch shrimp switch fudge prompt olive follower octopus important twister plump stomp chimpanzee obstacle

Spelling words should be coming home every other Monday. Spelling tests are every other Friday.

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Math: Fourth grade students are working on number sense: place value, rounding, estimating, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They are also working on the flexibility of understanding different models as they relate to the four different operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Third grade students are focusing on adding and subtracting numbers up to 1000; properties of addition: commutative, associative, and identity. They are modeling the process of multiplication using repeated addition, arrays, a number line, and groups; also beginning to understand the process of division using repeated subtraction and fair sharing (dividing into equal parts).

Writing: Third grade students have been practicing manuscript writing and will be starting cursive soon. They will be doing some personal narrative writing also.

Fourth grade students will be doing some personal narrative writings.

Reading: Third grade students are learning about words with prefixes and suffixes, and how each can change the meaning of a word. They will start using context clues to determine the meanings of literal and nonliteral phrases in different texts.

Fourth grade students are learning about character traits, settings and events. Students will also be determining an implicitly stated theme, or multiple themes, of a story, drama, or poem while summarizing the text.

Social Studies: Third grade students will be learning about communities and why people live in them, then they will be working on map and globe skills.

Fourth grade students will start studying Idaho History and be learning about natural features of our state.

Science: The Fourth grade is focused on understanding and explaining the speed of an object to the energy of that object. Additionally, they will make observations to provide evidence that energy can be transferred by heat, sound, light, and electric currents.

Third graders will investigate the effects of balanced and unbalanced forces on the motion of an object, and that an object's motion can provide evidence that a pattern can be used to predict future motion.

Monthly newsletters will be sent electronically. Please call or send a note if you need a hard copy sent home. You are always welcome to stop by, e-mail, call, or volunteer in the classrooms.

Just a reminder, here is the approved snack list for Birthdays-fruit, vegetables, cheese The following items need to be in the original packaging so ingredients can be reviewed: crackers, Oreos, frozen yogurt, frozen juice bars, popcorn, and popsicles.