

3RD AND 4TH CLASSROOMS NEWSLETTER

*Mrs. Sandquist and Miss Loy | December 2024

What we are learning:

Math:

Third grade is focused on working on using metric measurement in real world problems. Mass, capacity, and length have been the focus, while understanding the unit measure of each: gram, liter, and meter. Additionally, students have been converting the unit measure to kilo-, kilo meaning "one thousand of," and to milli-, with milli meaning "one thousandth."

Fourth grade students are focusing on regular, irregular and mixed number fractions are the last standards before the benchmark test. Students have been adding, subtracting (with and without a common denominator), comparing and decomposing fractions. The hard work we did at the first of the year with number sense is paying off big. Fractions work in many of the same ways that whole numbers do. Our work here will reap its benefits when we work with decimals.

ELA:

Third grade will be comparing and contrasting important points on two texts with the same topic. Then they will be identifying the parts of stories, dramas, and poems, such as: stanzas, lines, rhyme, dialogue, acts, scenes, stage direction, etc.

Fourth grade Students will start working on their research project for the Corps of Discovery Journey. They will read about the Corp. of Discovery and make a slide show that they will get to present to the class when they finish

Social Studies and Science:

Third grade students are researching and working on a slide presentation about Christmas traditions of other countries. Once they complete their slide show they will get to present it to the class.

Fourth grade students will start working on their research project for the Corps of Discovery Journey. They will read about the Corps of Discovery and make a slide show that they will get to present to the class when they finish.

Third grade students will use evidence to support the explanation that traits can be influenced by the environment.

Fourth grade students are applying scientific ideas to design, test, and refine a device that converts energy from one form to another. We will finish this unit with a Magic School Bus episode!

Be on the lookout:

Spelling words come home every other Monday. Spelling test every other Friday:

3rd spelling list: 12/2- smile, note, skate, cube, plate, arrive, globe, stripe, flame, rose, white, pancake, beware, confuse, become, though, option, lollipop, extreme, escape.

Spelling list 3rd, 12/16- toys, annoy, point, noise, boy, broil, joyful, join, soil, destroy, loyal, avoid, voyage, coins, voice, fruit, rescue, computer, enjoyable, poisonous.

Spelling list 4th, 12/2- uniform, excuse, juice, tuned, unusual, curfew, blueberry, using, duel, usually, salute, threw, utensil, chewing, toothache, stew, bugle, unicorn, music, mute, season, honey, freezing, unicycle, interview.

Spelling list 4th, 12/16- throne, thrive, toaster, frightening, poet, mileage, boast, recognize, oldest, lighten, throat, mobile, tonight, stolen, icicle, grown, highway, whole, online, reply, sugar, crooked, bushel, license, exercise.

Upcoming Events:

- **Late Start:** 12/12/2024
 - School starts at 10:15 a.m.
- **All School Field Trip:** 12/18
 - U of I Women's Basketball Game (More Information to Come)
 - Bus Leaves At 10:25 a.m.
- **Winter Holiday Concert:** 12/20/24
 - 3-4 at 9:00am
- **Winter Festival Enrichment Day:** 12/20/24
 - 12:15 p.m.-2:45p.m.
- **December Dress Up Days:**
 - 12/6- Winter socks and cozy sweaters
 - 12/13 -Flannel day
 - 12/20 -Candy Cane colors
 - red, white
 - red, green
- **Winter Break:** 12/23-1/5/25

Reminders:

- Please help students to be reading for at least 20 minutes each night.
- You are always welcome to stop by, e-mail, call, or volunteer in the classrooms.
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