

3RD AND 4TH GRADE NEWSLETTER

Ms. Young, Miss Loy, and Mrs. Renfrow | January 2026

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What We Are Learning:

Happy
New Year

Spelling:

Math:

Third grade students will solve word problems involving money through \$20.00. Third graders will fluently multiply and divide within 100. Third graders will also tell and write time to the nearest minute and measure time intervals in minutes. Solve word problems involving addition and subtraction of time intervals in minutes (e.g., representing the problem on a number line diagram).

Fourth grade students will explain that any fraction (a/b) is built from and is a multiple of its unit fraction ($1/b$), and can use this understanding to multiply a whole number by a fraction and create related word problems. Students will make a line plot to display a data set of measurements in fractions of a unit ($1/2, 1/4, 1/8$). Solve problems involving addition and subtraction of fractions by using information presented in line plots. Fourth graders will classify two-dimensional figures based on the presence or absence of parallel or perpendicular lines, or the presence or absence of angles of a specified size (e.g., understand right triangles as a category, and identify right triangles). Lastly, fourth grade will recognize angles as geometric shapes that are formed wherever two rays share a common endpoint, and understand concepts of angle measurement.

ELA:

Third grade students will explain describe the logical connection between particular sentences and paragraphs in a text (e.g., comparison, cause/effect, first/second/ third in a sequence). Third graders will also compare and contrast the themes, settings, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters (e.g., in books from a series).

Fourth grade students will determine the meaning of words, phrases, and figurative language as they are used in a text, including those that allude to significant characters.

Writing:

Third grade and fourth grade students will work on opinion papers and then revise their opinion paper into a letter to share their opinions.

Social Studies and Science:

Third grade students will develop an understanding of map reading by analyzing maps and globes using standard terms, including country, North Pole, Equator, Prime Meridian, hemisphere, region, latitude, South Pole, longitude, and time zones.

Fourth grade students will analyze the spatial organizations of people, places and environment on the earth's surface.

Third grade students will make a claim about the merit of a design solution that reduces the impacts of a weather-related hazard.

Fourth grade will identify evidence from patterns in rock formations and fossils in rock layers for changes in a landscape over time to support an explanation for changes in a landscape over time.

Spelling folders will be sent home every Monday with new words and rules. We will test on Thursdays and reteach missed words on Fridays.*

*Test days are subject to change due to days we may not have school.



Upcoming Events:

- **Winter Concert: 1/9**
 - Due to the power outage, the concert will be modified and students will perform to each other at an assembly.
- **Winter Festival: 1/9**
 - 12:15 p.m.-2:45 p.m.
- **No School: 1/19**
 - Civil Rights Day
- **Late Start: 1/29**
 - 10:15 a.m.
- **Dress Up Day: 1/30**
 - Pajama Day

Reminders:

- Read for at least 20 minutes each night.
- Practice multiplication/ division facts and telling time on an analog clock.
- You are always welcome to stop by, e-mail, call, or volunteer in the classrooms.
 - **Mrs. Renfrow:** jrenfrow@troysd287.org
 - **Miss Loy:** mloy@troysd287.org
 - **Ms. Young:** lyoung@troysd287.org
- Approved snack list reminder (pg. 25 in TES Handbook):
 - Approved snack list for Birthdays-fruit, vegetables, cheese. The following items need to be in the original packaging so ingredients can be re-viewed: crackers, Oreos, frozen yogurt, frozen juice bars, popcorn, popsicles.

