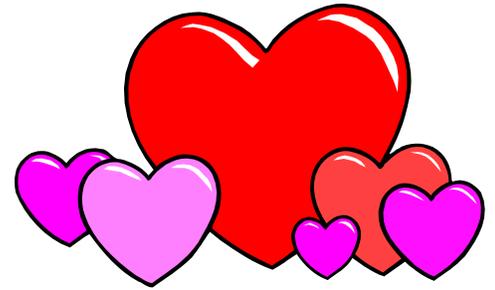


The Parent Connection



Third Grade News

Math

We finished up our addition/subtraction/ place value unit and we will move onto measurement and fractions. Have your student help you cook to use fractions and measurement in real life!

Social Studies

We continue to have fun learning about ancient civilizations! We have just finishing up our unit on Ancient China. The students have learned about climate and geography, daily life and contributions. We then moved onto Ancient Greece! Did you know that the Ancient Greece is called "The Birthplace of Democracy".

Science

We are excited to begin our next unit in Science: soil. We will be learning about

its origin and why soil is important to plants and animals.

Reading Workshop

In reading, we will be working on our poetry unit. We will look at identifying and using different poem types to relay our feelings and messages! We will also practice locating information in dictionaries, encyclopedias, atlases, and thesauruses. We will also be working on asking and answering questions using nonfiction books.

Writing Workshop

In writing, we work on writing our own fractured fairytales and then we will be moving on to our poetry writing unit! The students

LOVE this unit so share some of your favorite poems with them! We also will practice writing essays in testing formats.

Here are some extra ideas for you to do at home later in the month with your child:

- Have him/her tell you what contributions the ancient Greeks, Egyptians, and Chinese made to society.
- Quiz your child on some multiplication facts.
- Look for different functional texts around your home and check out nonfiction books from the library.
- Read and write poems with your student!

Extra! Extra!

Important Dates to Remember:

- ♦ *Progress reports go home February 5, 2020!*
- ♦ *No School February 17th (Presidents' Day)*
- ♦ *Please continue to listen daily to the news for weather delays and cancellations!*
- ♦ *Please keep in contact with your child's teacher if you plan to move outside of the Westlawn boundary.*

Important Information:

If your child would like to bring in Valentine's Day cards, please be sure to give a card to each child in the class. Ask your student's teacher for a class list!

Comments

We are just about half way through the school year and the SOL tests are coming in May. We have been working with students on building stamina for a period of time as a test taking strategy. Therefore it is important that students practice this by reading for a full 30 minutes each night and doing their homework each week. Be sure to ask your child what they are reading!