October

3rd Grade Newsletter

**Westlawn Elementary** 



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# **We're Off To A Great Start!**

Dear Parents,

Thank you parents for supporting your student at home and at school! Please contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

The Third grade team.

### **MATH**

We just finished our unit on place value, rounding, and number sense skills. For a quick review at home, give your child a number and ask them to write it in standard, expanded, or word form.

We will start working on multiplication and division. Count groups of things with your child and have them tell you a story about it!

### **READING**

During reading, we have been reading and practicing strategies related to fiction stories. We have been making predictions, comparing settings, and drawing

conclusions. We are learning how to answer questions about a story using evidence to justify our answers. This is something that we will continue to work on all year.

### WRITING

Students have been working very hard on writing personal narratives. They have chosen a moment in time to focus that is important to them. We will be working on editing and revising those stories with the correct capitalization and punctuation. We will go through all parts of the writing process, so that students will be able to publish their favorite small moment.

### **SCIENCE**

Our first science unit this year was living systems. Students became Entomologists, and they observed the life cycle of a lady bug. Students also learned about how living things are able to survive in different habitats. Ask your child to describe the different parts of a food chain!

### **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Students learned about the three branches of government. They understand what each branch does and who is in charge of each branch. Have your student check out books from the library on our system of government.

### **PROGRESS REPORTS**

All students will be receiving progress reports. Parents, if a teacher wants a conference, a box will be checked on the report.

## Questions to ask about reading at home.

- 1. What is the setting of the story?
- 2. What is the problem and solution of the story?
- 3. How might you describe the character using character traits?
- 4. What questions or wonderings do you have about the characters or story?