

Mrs. Z's Busy Bees News from the Hive

Our classroom has received several very generous donations of some very amazing books for our classroom library. Thank you so much! We are doing lots of reading whenever we can and during snack we have begun presenting to the class books we are currently reading. We have many books to choose from in our classroom library. It's great to see classmates recommending favorite books to each other and watching them being passed from friend to friend...pretty awesome! And now...the week in review - written, edited and brought to you by ... Third Grade!!

WRITING and READING

This week in Language Arts, we're learning to write friendly letters. We compared and contrasted a friendly letter to a formal business letter on a Venn diagram to sort out all our facts. We wrote a friendly letter to Miss Jean to thank her for her interesting letter to the class about life in a one room schoolhouse. We also watched a video about how the post office sorts all its mail. Our story this week in Reading is called "The Trial of Cardigan Jones," about a moose who is accused of stealing an apple pie off a window sill. He was innocent because it turned out his huge antlers knocked it into the bushes when he stopped to smell it as he walked by. It was interesting to read how the jury reached their conclusion. We learned about how trials work.

We are learning about how to make inferences using the author's clues in the text. We learned how to use an inference map to help us reach conclusions about our stories. Thank you for reading our weekly newsletter! By: Liam, Tomas

SOCIAL STUDIES

Here's the news at 5:00 p.m. from Evelyn, Luke and Meadow! We are still learning about how communities can be alike and different all over the world. We read about a community where one of the factories makes HERSHEY'S KISSES!! We also designed our own ship and learned how to navigate around a pirate map. We used coordinates to describe safe locations and locations where our ship might not be safe. We have a test on Chapter 1 on Tuesday.

MATH

This week in 3rd grade we took our Chapter 1 test on Tuesday. We played math games, like Round-up and a Place Value dice game, to help us on our test. In our next chapter we're learning about the Commutative Property, Associative Property and Identity Property of addition. In our next chapter, we will also be learning how to use addition patterns and mental math and much more. Hope you have a nice weekend! By: Lily, Ryan

MANDARIN

In Mandarin we are learning about the Festival of the Moon Cakes. The story behind the Festival is that long ago there were 10 suns. An archer shot down 9 of the suns, and kept one. Then the Emperor gave him a reward of a potion that made him go to Heaven and live forever. Someone heard about it and when the archer left to go hunting, his wife was left home and she drank the potion and she went to Heaven. When her husband returned he felt his wife getting lighter and lighter because she went to the moon. Every night he would look at the moon and see her face in the moon. The archer made moon cakes because a god told him to and his wife returned. So that's why every year at the harvest moon, the Chinese make moon cakes. Today (Friday) is the holiday and people in China eat moon cakes during the festival. The moon cakes have a pretty design on top and it is very heavy because it is made out of bean paste. The cake is small. It is not like a big birthday cake. We are also learning about Chinese greetings. By: Paige, Tomas, Kieran and Samantha

RELIGION

We had our second Religion test this week. It was about how Jesus died on the cross and was crucified. We also talked about the Bible. We talked about faith and what it is. Faith is a gift from God that helps us to believe and trust in Him. One story in the Bible tells us that if you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will have the power to lift a mulberry tree into the ocean. We also talked about the

Kingdom of God and the Scriptures. We learned that Scriptures are many books in the Bible. There are a lot of books in the Bible. By: Zoe and Lucy

SCIENCE

In Science we are learning about force and motion. We did an experiment in the Science Lab using a ping pong ball and a tennis ball. We measured our results in centimeters. We are analyzing our results to make conclusions about how force affects different objects that are light and heavy and smooth and fuzzy. We noticed that the ping pong ball was bouncier than the tennis ball. We also noticed that the tennis ball probably had more friction than the ping pong ball and also was heavier so it didn't go as far. By: Avery and Zoe

MISCELLANEOUS

This week in 3rd grade: In Gym we played soccer and end zone. It is so much fun because end zone is like dodge ball. We sang in Mass this week. We also celebrated Monsignor Weiss's birthday and presented him with some surprises including a painting of a tree that the whole school made for him. The leaves were made of everyone's fingerprint. By: Kieran, Oscar, Avery, Luke, Evelyn and Christian

Just a reminder that Fridays will be Spelling and Vocabulary test day. Scroll down for next week's words. Tests in other subjects are in your child's planner and also posted on Rediker. Thank you again for all you do for us in 3rd grade! Have a wonderful weekend!! With Love, Third Grade

SPELLING AND VOCABULARY

Week of October 1, 2018 SPELLING

Lay Tea

Real Treat

Trail Afraid

Sweet Leave

Today Bait

Dream Screen

Seem Speed

VOCABULARY

Contacted

Block

Afford

Customers

Raise

Spreading

Earn

Figure