

Mrs. Z's Busy Bees
News from the Hive
Week of March 11, 2019

MATH

We are just about finished with our multiplication unit. By now, your child should know all the math facts from 1 - 12. Continue to practice with your child, or make sure he/she is practicing on a fun website as often as possible since we are now looking to increase our fluency. We also spent a portion of our time reviewing skills we have already learned in 3rd grade in preparation for our STAR testing. Once we finish our multiplication chapter, we will move on to measurement and learn standard and metric units of measurement.

READING

We read an informational piece this week called "The Albertosaurus Mystery, about a fossil hunter in Canada. We found out that he was the inspiration for the Jurassic Park movies and learned about the challenges he faced in tracking down important fossils. In grammar we studied the articles a, an and the, continued to review proper nouns vs. common nouns, and learned about superlatives and how to use them in our writing. We also studied examples of "weak voice" vs. "strong voice" in writing and how using a strong voice makes our writing more interesting.



This week we paid tribute to Dr. Seuss and enjoyed hearing a story which, until 2011, had never been published. It is called "The Strange Spot," and was read by a mystery reader who surprised us in the classroom on Thursday....Officer Perez! Office Perez told us his favorite Dr. Seuss book when he was a child was "Fox in Sox." We also learned that he attended Catholic schools as well!
Awesome!!

WRITING

We are mostly done with our Biography research reports. Our snow day and delayed opening have impacted the completion of these, however we should be done by the time you read this newsletter.

Instructions for the Biography Project, due March 22nd, went out last week. Your child may choose any of the listed ideas to show what they have learned about their chosen person. Instructions are included for each project, which were also discussed in detail during class. Have your child choose his/her favorite and have fun creating their report. Be sure to let me know if you have any questions.

AND FINALLY.....

This week we attended a beautiful Ash Wednesday Mass. Thank you to those of you who joined us at our standing-room-only 9:00 service. We love seeing you!!

Friday we spent time with our 7th grade buddies, read Seuss books together and created masks based on our favorite, "The Cat in the Hat!"

Next week begins the Iowa Basics testing. Third grade does the CogAT tests, which are a test of cognitive ability. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and a hearty, protein-based breakfast next week! We will begin on Tuesday and test for 5 days. Each test will last approximately 20-30 minutes.

Monday, March 11, we will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be six priests in the Gathering Hall who will hear confessions. Students will be prepared during Religion class and will have a chance to ask any questions they may have so they will be familiar with the format for Monday morning.

Tuesday next week we are excited to welcome a visiting student who will be shadowing us for the day. We look forward to welcoming her and hope to see her again in the fall!

Next week's spelling words are attached for our usual Friday test next week. The words can also be found in the Journeys Practice Book, in your child's Planner, and will be sent home Monday in hard copy.



"Today you are You, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is Youer than You!" Dr. Seuss

As always, thank you so much for all you do and for just being you! Mrs. Zmek

With Love, Third Grade

Spelling Words

Basic

1. shark
2. check
3. queen
4. circus
5. flake
6. crack
7. second
8. squeeze
9. quart
10. squeak
11. quick
12. coldest
13. Africa
14. Mexico

Review

black
thank

Challenge

correct
question