

# **Mrs. Z's Busy Bees**

## **News from the Hive**



**In this picture, 3rd grade dances their way into fall in Music today! There's something spooky going on here!! We've taken an inventory of our classroom books and found we have lots of fiction and informational books that relate to pumpkins, bats and all things Halloween!! Awesome!**

**We will continue our reading with Chapter 4 on Monday, and resume our normal schedule with spelling and vocabulary tests on Friday. Please see the list attached at the end of this newsletter for next week's spelling words.**

**And now....the week in review - written, edited and brought to you by ... Third Grade!!**

### **WRITING and READING**

We have been continuing to work on our personal narratives and are finished with our drafts. We have learned how to sequence a story so it makes sense to our readers and listeners, words like first, then, next and finally.

We have also talked about four ways to write a great beginning..one of them is by using an onomonopaea, which are sound words like "bank," "slurp," or "splash!" Another way is begin with dialog, a question or a setting, like "it was a dark and stormy night!" Most people are finished with their drafts and today edited with our 7th grade buddies. Next week we will publish them. We got so many wonderful writing tips and editing suggestions from 7th grade!! We can't wait to have them back when we write our Halloween stories in two weeks!!

Here we are with 7th grade  
before we began to edit our work:



Here we are when our editing was  
done!!!



We started our Scholastic News this week. We are writing opinion pieces on whether or not we think you should keep money or not if you find it on the ground or someplace else. The class is divided on this and it will make for a very interesting discussion next week. We are using text evidence to support our opinions.....great stuff!!

**By: Zoe, Ryan, Philip and Avery**

## **MATH**

We are learning to add larger numbers mentally. We learned a strategy using expanded form to help us. We also reviewed rounding to refresh our

memories. We learned we can take away 1 or 2 when adding a group of three digit numbers, then add it back into the sum to make our addition easier.

**By: Luke, Christian, Oscar, Kieran, Meadow and Lucy**

## **RELIGION**

In Religion we are learning about the corporal acts of mercy. Also we are learning that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. We reviewed and took a test on Chapter 3 this week too.

**By: Lily, Kenny and Major**

## **SCIENCE**

In Science we are continuing our study of force and motion. In science class we watched a video about the life of Sir Isaac Newton. We also learned about simple machines and learned the words fulcrum, load and effort. We finished our lab write up and edited our answers to the focus questions.

**By: Tomas, Liam and Evelyn**

## **SPANISH**

In Spanish we are learning about the days of the week. We watched a video about them and are learning about how to say the seasons, too. We are learning Spanish songs and learning how to count in Spanish. These are the days of the week: Lunes, Martes, Miércoles, Jueves, Viernes, Sábado and Domingo. That is what we learned this week!

**By: Samantha, Paige and Lucy**

Thank you again for all you do for us in 3rd grade! Have a wonderful weekend!!

With Love, Third Grade



## SPELLING WORDS

Load

Open

Told

Yellow

Soak

Shadow

Foam

Follow

Glow

Sold

Window

Coach

Almost

Throat