

Week 23 News from 3rd Grade

Ms. G and Mrs. Riehl

Good morning, Families,

What a fun, exciting weekend! We hope you had the chance to spend time with your beautiful families (and maybe watch the game, like Mrs. Riehl got to do in person!!). We have lots going on in the upcoming weeks, so let's work together to support our kiddos and watch the greatness happen!

1) COLD WEATHER IS HERE! It's February and the winter season, so of course, the cold weather is here. With so many rainy days, we'd like to get the kiddos out to recess as much as possible to help stimulate that activity. We will plan on sending students out to recess if it is not raining, so please make sure they have weather-appropriate coats, gloves, hats, etc. If you have questions about this, please let us know, but thank you so much for your help with this matter!

2) In ELA this week, students will move on to Unit 4 Week 3. This week, they'll study expository text (and specifically, adaptations, which beautifully complements their research papers!) and focus on rereading for deeper knowledge. They will also review their knowledge of vocabulary to practice sentence clues and learn about main and helping verbs in grammar. Finally, they will continue to work on their informational research project on habitats.

3) In Mathematics this week, students will continue to work on Module 5, which focuses heavily on understanding fractions (and using a number line to do this). They will use fraction bars, number lines, and individual fraction strips to help them process this concept!

4) Seek First To Understand, Then To Be Understood: Habit 5! Throughout February, our Leader in Me focus is Seek First To Understand! We will practice brainstorming ideas so that we can practice listening first (without trying to be heard). Practicing and modeling at home is also helpful, so thank you in advance for reinforcing this!

5) FRIDAY FOLDERS: Friday folders came home on Friday. This is much of the work completed in class. If you ever have questions about assignments, what they mean, or how they relate to learning in third grade, please ask! Thank you for your support with this!

6) Global Play Day is THIS WEDNESDAY, February 5th: This Wednesday, our class will participate in Global Play Day! Students may bring anything they wish to play with to school on Wednesday. The only restrictions: they must bring toys and these toys may NOT require batteries or electricity. No devices. Here are some ideas: board games, dolls, Legos, blocks, trucks, cars, racetracks, playing

cards, empty cardboard boxes, markers, jigsaw puzzles, blankets (for forts), social games (charades, Pictionary, etc.) The only exception on the electronics rule would be a board game that has an electronic timer, an electronics play kit, or similar. We may also take your students outside in the dirt to dig, explore and get messy! Students will spread their toys out around the room or go outside and just PLAY ALL DAY!

7) Valentine's Day: We will have a small celebration NEXT FRIDAY, 2/14 (Valentine's Day) in our classrooms. All students will be able to participate even if they don't bring valentines in, but if your child does want to bring them, please send him/her with 25 valentines for all the students in the class. We will be emailing a class list out shortly with all the students' names so you can address valentines. Additionally, you are welcome to send in a treat for each student (no nuts or gelatin, please). Looking forward to spreading the love NEXT Friday!

8) Matey Messages:

February 3, 2020

- **P3 Meeting is Friday, February 7 at 8:30 AM in the Library.**
- **Be Mine - 3rd Annual Dance is Saturday, February 22:** We would love to see you at our 3rd annual dance! You can purchase tickets in advance using the attached order form.
- **Panda Express - Lunar New Year Night on Wednesday:** There will be activities, giveaways and kids eat free! Please see attached flyer for more details and disclaimer.
<https://community.pandaexpress.com/learn-with-me>

Quote of the week:

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge. -Bertrand Russell

Let's have an awesome week filled with play, joy, and kindness! Thank you for always being so supportive!

With gratitude and love,
Mrs. Riehl and Ms. G



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