

Week 24 News from 3rd Grade

Ms. G and Mrs. Riehl

Good morning, Families,

We hope you had a chance to enjoy the weekend. We had some great Sharpen the Saw time and also were able to reflect on the past two quarters. As time passes, we continue to realize how grateful we are for all of the special communities and people in our lives. We count our NP3 community as one of them, so thank you for always being so welcoming, sincere, and committed to giving our children the best education possible!

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 me 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 4. This week, they will continue to study expository text (and the history of flight) and focus on rereading for deeper knowledge. They will also review their knowledge of vocabulary to practice context clues and learn about complex sentences in grammar. Finally, they will continue to work on their informational research project on biomes. We will be sending home an additional handout regarding their presentations in Friday folders this week. These will take place on Friday, March 6th and students will have the chance to add a creative component to their papers!

3) In Mathematics this week, students will continue on with 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. Specifically, they will be working on understanding equivalent fractions both conceptually and visually on a number line.

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) **Valentine's Day:** We will have a small celebration on Friday (Valentine's Day). Mrs. Riehl's class will celebrate from 2:00-2:30, and Ms. G's class will celebrate from 11:35-12:20. If you would like for your student to pass out valentines during the celebration, please send him/her with 25 valentines for the whole class. Additionally, you are welcome to send a treat. Please confirm with Mrs. Riehl or Ms. G if you plan to do so. Looking forward to spreading the love on Friday!

7) **Matey Messages:**

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- **Matey Families Survey:** Families- You are an important part of our NP3 community and we want to hear your thoughts about our schools. Please [complete this short survey](#), it should take no more than 10 minutes. Your feedback will help us to plan how we use our resources to continue to make NP3 a great place to learn.
- **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.
- **No School Monday, February 17.**
- **Spring Conference Week is coming up!** Conferences will be held the week of March 9 - March 13. Every day during week is early dismissal at 12:45.
- **Spring Book Fair:** Our Spring Book Fair is fast approaching. We are in need of several volunteers in order for this wonderful event to happen. Please click on the following link to sign up for a time slot that best works for you. We appreciate your time.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BA9A923ABFA7-parent>
- **Lost and Found:** We have lots of items in our lost and found! Please check Lost and Found (located in the Cafeteria). All items not claimed will be donated to charity on 03/13/2020.

Quote of the week:

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members.

-Coretta Scott King

Let's have a wonderful week filled with love. Thank you for always being so supportive!

With gratitude,

Ms. G and Mrs. Riehl

