

Mrs. McPhee's Third Grade Newsletter

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Dear Families,

The past few weeks have been going very well. It has been really fun getting to know your child and getting used to our classroom procedures and routines. The planners and folders coming back and forth have been working out. Please remember to check your child's planner daily. Only initial in the bottom right corner if possible and only on the day of. The point of getting the planners signed is so parents and family members can follow along with what your child is working on as well as how they are doing. Also remember to log in reading time each day. I look forward to reading all that.

September's Book Reports

Due 9/30/11

1st Book Report Page-20
points

2nd Paper Bag Puppet-
points

3rd Word Cards- points

Please remember to

complete all three book
reports with three different

books. Families, your child
should be completing the
reports on their own with

you checking over in the
end. We are looking for
final quality work.

Students need to earn at
least 85% overall to attend
the Reading Eagles Party.

Also in order to be able to
go to the upcoming fieldtrip
(yet to be determined) your
child needs to turn in a
completed book report.

Homework in Language Arts and Math will be given regularly. Usually it is Monday through Thursday. It is due back the very next day. The green book reports need to stay home in a safe place and worked on throughout the month. Try not to wait to the week of to complete the assignments, it is overwhelming. Because the book reports are given at the beginning of the year, no extension will be given. Of course we want your child to read more than three books a month. But we are only requiring your child to complete three book reports on three DIFFERENT books. This will be explained in further detail in class. Also, examples will be given.

If there are any questions or concerns, please email or call me whenever. Remember to use the planner as a source of communication as well. Thank you for your support!

Mrs. McPhee

Language Arts

This month for Language Arts we are establishing what independent readers and writers do and look like. We have created charts of what each student is responsible for and what the teacher's role is during independent work (working with small groups). In third grade, students are required to read independently in everything from informative books to their own assessments. Therefore it is crucial that third graders are reading and working to their levels.

Our theme for this month is *Stories Worth Telling Again and Again*. We will study a variety of genres such as fables, folktales, myths, and trickster tales. For grammar, we are studying the different parts of speech. Writing this month will focus on narratives and the trait Voice.



Upcoming Birthdays

- Mackenzie Parker 9/6
- Dylan Howard 9/25

Hope you have a fantastic Birthday!

Math

This month in math we are reviewing last year's concepts in number sense. Place value and mental math are skills we review each day. We also spend the beginning of math counting and reviewing strategies. Students will have the chance to practice online everything from math facts to practice test questions.

The big ideas from Singapore Math this month are:

Standard form	Rounding
Expanded form	Renaming
Word form	
Place value	
Digit	
Value of digits	
Greater than/ less than	

Social Studies

In Social Studies we will begin our year with looking at our communities. The main objective is to understand cultural factors that shape a community.



Mark your calendars!

9/15 and 9/16-Parent Teacher Conferences

9/23-Carnival 5:30-8

9/29-Literacy Night 6-7

Coming Soon!

With our writing skills developing and increasing there will soon be a section in the monthly newsletter written by a student or students that collaborated with others. It will be topics the students feel strongly about. Keep an eye out for that.



Science

This month for science we are learning about the scientific method. We are also conducting an in class experiment with potatoes and hygiene. We will complete this experiment following the scientific method by coming up with an hypothesis, data collecting, and our observations.

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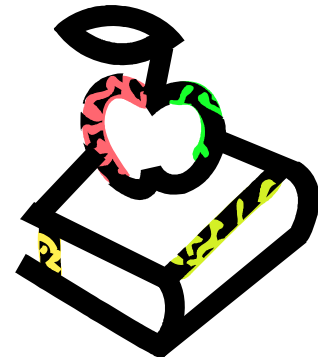
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YOUR LOGO
HERE

School Name
Street Address
Address 2
City, ST ZIP Code

Phone:
(555) 555-0125

Fax:
(555) 555-0145

E-mail:
E-mail address

Your school motto
here.

We're on the Web!
Web site address

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