

# Third Grade News

## Important Dates:

February 1st	Report Cards Go Home
February 10th	2 hour 45 minute <b>EARLY DISMISSAL</b>
February 16th	<b>FIELD TRIP</b>
February 20th	President's Day- <b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 21st	<b>NO SCHOOL</b>
February 29th	Conference Night- Teacher invite only

## New Incentive

A school-wide incentive program was started with the beginning of the third quarter. If your child comes home with a "I got caught barking today!" slip, that means they were seen Being A Respectful, Responsible Kid. Every Friday homeroom teachers will draw names from students who earned a slip, and every two weeks there will be a school-wide drawing. Prizes will be given to students who win the drawings.

## What's Happening in the Third Grade

### We're halfway there!

You may not believe this when we tell you, but your child is officially halfway through the third grade! Monday, January 30th marked the beginning of the third quarter.

### ELA

You may soon see a new reading book coming home with a tortoise and a hare on the front. As we complete the stories in the first reading book, it's time for a new one. Teachers will also continue to meet with students for small group instruction.

In writing, students will be working on nonfiction and persuasive writing throughout the quarter.

### Math

As the quarter begins students in on-grade and advanced math classes will be studying geometry. This cluster is filled with vocabulary, so it would be wise to take a few minutes each night to review important terms.

As always, we encourage you to practice math facts at home every night as well. The more fluent your child is with his or her facts, the more successful he or she will be!

### Science

Did your child mention switching back to Miss Surrette or Miss Billmyre's science class? On Monday

classes switched back to their quarter one placements. In science, they will be working through a "Chemistry" unit that includes an

engineering portion and then will move on to a unit called "Energy, Force and Motion."

### Social Studies

Students in Mrs. Patrick's Social Studies classes will be studying "Carroll County" and "Regions of the World."

Please be on the look-out for science and social studies home assignments and study guides. These are given at least a week before the due date and we often have students who fail to complete them.



## Field Trip to see *Charlotte's Web*

On February 16th the third grade will be heading to Kraushaar Auditorium (Goucher College) in Towson to see the play *Charlotte's Web*. **We will be leaving the school at 9:00 AM, so please make sure to have your child at school on time!**

Each teacher will be taking two chaperones, who should arrive at the school by 8:45. Parents who volunteered for the field trip will be informed if they were selected or not as soon as possible. If you are selected, but are unable to

come, please let us know as soon as possible so other arrangements can be made.

We will be returning to school in time for lunch, so it is not necessary for you to change your child's lunch plans for the day.