

News from Third Grade

October 2011



News from Your ILA Teacher

Writing- Students have been very active and excited writing personal narratives about small moments that have happened in their lives. Strategies are now introduced to use strong details in those stories.

Word Study- Students were assessed at the beginning of the year and put into spelling groups according to his/her strengths and weaknesses. Thank you for helping each night with your child's homework.

Reading Strategies- Students should continue to identify story elements to any fictional story and retell the story orally for signs of comprehension. Students have been working on making meaningful text connections and making predictions before and during reading. Classes are also exploring text features in both fiction and non-fiction.

A Math Update

- The first cluster, Place Value is complete!
- The second cluster is Patterns and Number Relationships-adding and subtracting. Ask your child about what hands-on math manipulatives they might be using to learn addition and subtraction!
- Please refer to the County Math letter for more specific benchmarks and helpful home ideas that match the cluster.
- Math fact folders should be home by now. Please practice the facts a few times each week, especially if there has not been any math homework assigned for that evening.



Social Studies or Science?

◇ Mrs. Cage, Ms. Davidson, Mrs. Entzminger, & Mrs. Reitz's classes:

Students have finished the Physical Science unit and will now be beginning their first Social Studies unit, Econ & Me studying resources, production, world trade, and budgeting.

◇ Ms. Jacobsen's class will be finishing their first Social Studies unit of Economics and be beginning Physical Science with Mrs. Cage.

Just A Reminder...

- Monday, Oct. 3- Early Dismissal (1:00)
- Friday, Oct. 21- NO SCHOOL
- A note was sent home explaining the parent conference days. Please call the office to sign up for one conference evening if you have not already done so. The first conference night on October 10th is by invitation only.
- **Study Island-** Students have learned how to use www.studyisland.com for Reading and Math practice. There are great activities to complete at home. Feel free to help your child. Students have their username and password.