



Friday, September 4, 2015

# Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

## Teacher's Note:

I would like to thank you all for a great Back-2-School night! I had so much fun meeting everyone again and sharing all the exciting things we are going to cover this year! As you can tell, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is a bit of a jump from 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, but I already know that this bright, enthusiastic group of learners is ready for the challenge and I am excited to be a part of that!

**Coming home this weekend:** Your third graders will be coming home with their reading log and some Scholastic Book Order forms. Please try to encourage your children to read this weekend, and remind them to record in their logs correctly. They will be doing it in their sleep soon enough, but these first few weeks are going to be tricky! If your child completes their reading log, I am working on having one on our website for you to print out at home when needed. For the Scholastic Book Order forms, they will be coming home once a month. I have attached the information with our class code for you to be able to do this online. I submit these orders once they are in my "inbox" at the end of each month, and they come within about a week and a half. This direction sheet will also be on my webpage very soon! Be sure to check it out! **REMINDERS:** Next week starts 3:00 dismissal days. Every Wednesday, dismissal is at 1:45! Thanks AGAIN for a great night last night! I really am excited about what's to come! *Don't forget to check out our website!!!* <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade2016>

**Wish List:** Clorox/Lysol wipes

## This Week's Focus and Standards:

**Reading and Writing:** "Building our Reading Life" and writing about our best physical attribute as well as journal reflections across the curricula.

**Math:** Community Building and addition and subtraction facts to twenty, Number Corner, Multiplication!

**Social Studies:** "Me on the Globe"

**REMINDERS:** Have a great 3 day weekend!

## Highlights



This week 3<sup>rd</sup> graders were officially introduced to their first session of **Writer's Workshop**. During these first few lessons, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are thinking deeper about the real reason why writers write. Through the fabulous book, *Thank You, Mr. Falker*, we were able to take a deeper look at the life of Patricia Polacco, and the struggles she went through as a young child in school. Many students in this class were able to relate to these troubles and came to the realization that sharing memories, whether painful or enjoyable, is a really good goal to have in mind when beginning to write. As writers, we charted the possible meaning for the author, as well as what message this story is trying to tell its audience. I am looking forward to continuing this topic and seeing what our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders can come up with. Our focus for **Reader's Workshop**, was on learning how to use our Reading Log as a tool, and learn from it, and not to just record things "Just for Show." We studied my reading log and discovered that some of my least productive reading nights were around the time school started or when it was really late at night! I wonder why! Having the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders chart their nightly reads is a very indicative tool that will help us build our reading lives. We also spent some time figuring out a way to best organize our classroom library to make it the most useful for our needs. We came up with some good ideas and are in the process of completing that. They have also really enjoyed reading for longer periods of time during class, and charting their progress in class as well! I want to thank those of you who remember to remind your 3<sup>rd</sup> grader to keep their reading log in their backpacks so it can be used at home and at school! In **Math**, we had a lot of fun this week as well! Third graders were introduced to Number Corner, where they are observing and tracking patterns, collecting data, starting MULTIPLICATION ALREADY!!!! and much more! They also had a chance to experience Work Place rotations, for they had been introduced to 4 games, and on Thursday, they spent their math period rotating through the 4 different stations. They absolutely loved it! We are continuing to practice strategies for addition and subtraction especially through word problems and much more! \* Other news, we have a new addition to our class! Ivan Munn joined us Wednesday and it has been fun getting to know him! Welcome Ivan!!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Sept. 7 No School Labor Day	Sept. 8 Start 3:00 Dismissal	Sept. 9 Every Wednesday 1:45 Dismissal	Sept. 10	Sept. 11
Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Individual School Pictures	Sept. 23 Dorothy & Ms. Revelli play @ A's game	Sept. 24	Sept. 25
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9