



Friday, October 9, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

We had a great week in room 305 with lots and lots going on! Between book fair, assemblies, walk to school day, and more, there was a great buzz around the school! We began the week by helping to prepare for an assembly focusing on Dia de los Muertos. Third graders learned about this traditional celebration that takes place on November 1st, and is celebrated throughout most of Mexico. It is a time to remember and celebrate those who have passed on before us. We began our early celebration of this by designing our own decorative skulls, by using lines of symmetry. They added a finishing touch to their design by making a traditional tissue paper flower. If you are around, be sure to take a look at our bulletin board. They are beautiful. **Homework:** After some discussion as a grade level, we are going to begin sending larger selections of math pages home for homework that are correlating with what the 3rd graders are currently learning. Remember, these pages aren't to be turned in, and they aren't expected to be completed by the end of the 2 weeks before the next packet is sent home. This is mainly to be used as a communication piece for you, so you can see what we are learning and how we are leaning it! More details to come on this on Wednesday. Don't be alarmed if your homework packet is a little thicker on Wednesday!! **Parents Needed for Halloween Festivities:** I am thinking of having our party right after lunch at 12:45. Since they will just have eaten, no need to provide food! Maybe a little treat! You might be seeing something regarding this soon from Sally Baack. Don't forget to check out our website!!! <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade2016>

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: "How" predictions, retelling, and reading with "grit."


Math: Looking at multiplication through different models, especially arrays and beginning our Number Corner Calendar Math focusing on shapes and measuring in Milliliters and Liters

Social Studies: California's Mountain Region

REMINDERS: Remember to sign-up for conferences or to drive on our field trips! Shoo the Flu will be happening on Friday the 16th. Be sure to check the website. Have a fantastic 3-day weekend! Enjoy the weather and the Blue Angels!

Highlights

We continued **Writer's Workshop** these last few weeks with more small moment, personal narrative stories. We also decided to throw in a fun, Halloween themed, imaginative story. They were given the prompt to imagine that they came upon a haunted house. Using descriptive language, they had to describe some of the things they heard, saw, smelled, and so on. While in the process of writing this imaginative piece, they also had to keep in mind the structure of a story. Noting the characters, setting, details leading to a problem, how the problem was solved, and then how the story was going to end. They really enjoyed starting this, and I can't wait to see the finished product! For **Reader's Workshop** we continued our work with focusing on what it takes to make really good, and strong predictions with support, not just so much with what we think our character is going to do, but also using the text to help us determine *how* our character is going to do that. They were introduced to another prediction format called "Boxes and Bullets." With using our read aloud, *Stone Fox*, they were encouraged make their prediction in a "Box" and then bullet point their support underneath. They were then encouraged to try this with their own books. Today, we had fun learning about what it means to read with "Grit," in other words, when our reading gets tough, we continue to push through and read with perseverance and willingness. The kids took a "Reading with Grit" test for fun and some of them were surprised with their results. Be sure to ask them about this. In **Math**, we spent more time focusing on different strategies used to multiply. They successfully did some "Count Arouds," by multiples of 2,3,4,6,8,9, looking closely at how all of those numbers line up, and how our chart can help us solve our multiplication problems, because essentially, it is just skip counting with tricky multiples! We are continuing to collect 250mL each day we are in school, looking at our running total in mL as well as in Liters, and seeing how it switches over to fractions of a Liter and mixed fractions. Start having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory! These tests will be here soon!!! **Social Studies** unit this week completing our study of the Mountain Region and starting our final project!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Oct. 12 No School Professional Development	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16 Shoo the Flu
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30 Halloween Parade @ 2:45 
Nov. 2 ~~~~~	Nov. 3 ~~~~~	Nov. 4 Week of Conferenes	Nov. 5 ~~~~~	Nov. 6 ~~~~~
Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11 No School Veteran's Day	Nov. 12	Nov. 13