



Friday, September 18, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Happy Friday! We made it through another week, with some new additions! We began the week meeting Mrs. Rodrigues, the district's literacy coach. She will be periodically teaching lessons in every grade level at all three schools this year, giving us teachers a chance to observe Reader's Workshop, as well as giving us the chance to teach sections of lessons and be coached along the way. Our 3rd graders were quite impressive, for they demonstrated beautifully exactly what was suppose to be done! The other 3rd grade teachers in the room at the time were full of compliments! The lesson was one of many that we will be able to have this year. Looking forward to it! We also had our first art class with Mrs. Bella Gordon as well as our first of a few gardening classes with Mr. Taylor. In art, Mrs. Gordon was teaching the 3rd graders about drawing lines. We did some fun exercises, one of which was they had to "blindly" draw the person sitting across from them without looking at their paper and without lifting their pencils. To say the least, their art turned out quite amusing! Lots of giggles to be had! Have your 3rd grader try this at home sometime! In gardening with Mr. Taylor, we had a brief review of where we should place certain items, whether or not it was compostable, baggie blues, trash, or recycle. They all seemed to remember from last year, and then the rest of the period, we spent making our very own compost! They took good notes in their gardening journal, charting the ingredients and are in the process of making predictions as to what items would break down and what items wouldn't. We will check in on this in a few weeks to see the results. They also did a fantastic job of finding something in the garden to draw in their journals. We are so lucky to have such a beautiful garden to work in! So exciting! **Don't forget to check out our website!!!** <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade2016>

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Focused on envisioning while reading as well as making predictions and small moment stories.

Math: Addition and subtraction of two or more digits as well as deciphering correct equations to fit word problems. Number Corner, Multiplication!

Social Studies: California's Central Valley Region

REMINDERS: Remember to sign-up for conferences or to help for art, gardening or library. We will have field trip driver sign-ups soon as we are finalizing dates.

PICTURE DAY NEXT TUESDAY!! (Info went home today)

Highlights



We continued **Writer's Workshop** this week generating a list as to what writers write about. Many good ideas were shared, which was so fun, because it also triggered many good memories that students were then asked to choose one of, and write in detail. We are completing the drafting phase and will take a look at the editing phase next week. This "Small Moment" writing topic is a tricky one because it is asking the writers to take one small moment, and zoom into it enough so they can recreate the moment in full detail. A bit of a challenging task for 3rd graders to do!

Reader's Workshop was spent revisiting the importance of working with partners and envisioning the setting of the stories we are reading as well as the characters. We spent some time looking at the developmental change from how many 2nd graders look at text and how much more thorough 3rd graders are suppose to look at their stories. Many good quick sketches, as well as quick jots were done and are encouraged as they read at home as well. This helps strengthen the comprehension of what they are reading and slows them down enough to really think about their stories! We also began our lesson on making good predictions as we read based off of text clues (remembering what the text says) background knowledge (what you already know) and finally combining those two to make their inference. Asking your 3rd grader these questions could be helpful at home as well. **Math**, we spent a lot of time building our addition strategies to help us solve word problems involving larger numbers. We held math forums as well as great class discussions. 3rd graders are still struggling a bit with figuring out how to write equations to fit the word problems. They know the operation, but aren't quite sure the order. That has been our focus. ALSO, we have been focusing on making sure we read ALL our directions and include our units of measurement when solving problems so we don't lose points!!! We began our **Social Studies** unit this week completing our study of the Central Valley. Lots of good discussion on this topic. On to the next! Have a fantastic weekend!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Individual School Pictures	Sept. 23 Dorothy & Ms. Revelli play @ A's game 3 rd Grade Fun Run	Sept. 24	Sept. 25 Harvest Festival Sunday
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 First Spelling Test
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Oct. 12 to School Professional development	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23