



Friday, February 26, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Welcome back after a week off! We went into this particular break with a lot of events going on, and the timing seemed to fall in place perfectly! The crazy thing is that in a blink of an eye, February is over! I wanted to thank you all for coming to Open House a few weeks ago. Your 3rd graders have a lot to be proud of, and continue to do lots and lots of work daily! They really enjoyed showing you around, showing off all their accomplishments thus far. We came back from break mostly rested and healthy, hoping to stay that way for a while. Jumping right in to more character study, developing theories on our characters, taking a deeper look at our science unit, Sun, Moon & Stars, and multiplication and division, this week with a focus on writing our own word problems. More and more "Expert" reports are being completed as well as Ohlone books. **STEAM Expo** is in the works! Your 3rd graders have had some exciting introduction to this project both from Mr. Taylor & Mrs. Remer. Many of them are already thinking of some really cool projects to research! Make sure to check in with them to see their plan. **Science Wizard:** Today Tiago taught the class about the effects of vinegar on a raw egg. It was amazing how the acid completely ate through the calcium on the egg shell, only keeping the inside of the egg together by the membrane. The once hard egg turned bouncy! Lots of fun! I wanted to thank all of you that provided some goodies to help us celebrate our brunch themed point party. Everyone was thrilled!

Looking forward to seeing you all next week during parent/teacher conferences! Remember 11:55 dismissal Monday - Friday!

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Fiction reading, with an emphasis on character. Completing all written assignments up until this point as well as our Informative Writing unit.

Math: Beginning Unit 5 on Multiplication, Division & Area

STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!

Social Studies/Science: Ohlone & Sun, Moon & Stars

Upcoming: Parent Teacher Conferences NEXT WEEK!!!!

Highlights

This week for **Writer's Workshop** took a look at the importance of editing. We were specifically looking for things such as punctuating correctly, making sure our sentences made sense, that they were complete with a subject and predicate (ask them about the movie Mr. Morton), and also spelling. We talked about resources to use if we weren't sure how to spell certain words, but that the most important part was for them to look at the word, and if it looked wrong, to circle it. This is still a skill that will need to be practiced! For **Reader's Workshop**, we continued looking at character, and developing theories. Going back through the books and looking for concrete evidence to support their theory is what is a tricky skill. We studied how a lot of times, what we read about our character, is only information on the surface. We used the analogy of an ice burg, and how what we see of that is only the top, but that there is more to our character deeper down! We also looked at how many times, characters are very predictable and when you start picking up on their traits, it is fun to test your predictions as to what could happen next! So many cool things we are learning in reading! In **Math**, we began unit 5 and have been taking a really close look at multiplication and division word problems. Just yesterday, they all wrote their own and are enjoying solving each others. Many 3rd graders tried to trick each other by including discounts in their problems! Very clever! **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** For **Science**, we spent some time finishing up what we see in our day-time sky, and looking at our night time sky. On Thursday, everyone came home with a moon tracker. They are highly encouraged to track the phases of the moon nightly and we will be taking a look the next day. Our studies on Space currently are focusing on the moon, facts about all of our planets in our Solar System, as well as other intriguing topics such as black holes and supernovas. We have been watching some pretty amazing videos, and they are becoming expert note takers. Their notes will be comprised in a quick little research report, which will be coming soon!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Feb. 29 _____	March 1 _____	March 2 Parent teacher Conferences	March 3 _____	March 4 Logan's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test
March 7 No School	March 8	March 9	March 10	March 11 Emma's Science Wizard Mad. Min
March 14	March 15	March 16	March 17	March 18 Addison's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test
March 21	March 22	March 23	March 24	March 25 Evie's Science Wizard Mad. Min
March 28	March 29	March 30	March 31	April 1 Simon's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test