

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Happy December! Sounded like everyone had a great Thanksgiving break, enjoyed spending time with family and relaxing a bit as well. **Science Wizard:** Our first science wizard was a huge success! Our brave third grader, Ivan, did a great job presenting his experiment in front of the whole class. Everyone really enjoyed it, and they wrote great responses sharing what they learned, that the cylinder shape is actually quite strong and that a flimsy straw can puncture a potato because of the strength of that structure! I am looking forward to seeing all these great experiments that will be shared for the remainder of the year! **Book Buzz:** On Wednesday, 3rd graders brought home their first long term assignment. We have been learning how to become an active, nonfiction reader in class, and take notes. Now, the 3rd graders have a chance to do this assignment with one of their favorite nonfiction books and present their favorite/most interesting sections of their book. There has been lots of "Buzzing" since this was assigned, and we haven't even officially started presentations! Please be sure to help your third grader through this process by helping them practice their presentation at home and encouraging them to not wait until the last minute to do their work on this. Can't wait to hear all the "buzz" about their cool books! **Holiday Giving Program:** I am excited to tell you that this year, our 3rd graders will be taking part in a Holiday Giving Program through the Jewish Family and Community Services of the East Bay. Its aim is to provide an avenue for families and children to learn about the many cultures of people living near them, and to provide to those in need. We have just been recently assigned a family in our community in need. **AFTER SCHOOL VIOLIN CLASSES:** I will be teaching an after school violin class to those who may be interested for grades 3-5 starting in the January session! I am quite excited about this! If you are interested, make sure to contact whomever is in charge of after school enrichment, and if you have any questions, you can always ask me! **Classroom Donations:** We would always welcome Clorox or Lysol wipes to help keep germs to a minimum.

This Week's Focus and Standards:









Reading and Writing: Nonfiction reading, boxes and bullets, and becoming an "Active Reader." Completing all written assignments up until this point.

Math: Applying subtraction strategies to solve more challenging problems as well as learning a few new ones! **STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!**

Social Studies/Science: Taking a look at "The First Californian's." Reading our chapter on Energy & Matter

Highlights

We continued **Writer's Workshop** completing a few of the writing assignments we have had on the back burner before we begin our next unit of nonfiction writing to go along with our nonfiction reading unit! What's to come for writing? Third graders are going to have a chance to write a nonfiction piece on something they are an "EXPERT" at. We are also going to be spending some time continuing our research on the Ohlone, and becoming an "expert" on their area of interest, pertaining to this are of study! For **Reader's Workshop** we continued practicing looking at nonfiction writing and pulling out the main ideas, our boxes, and the supporting details, bullets that go under the boxes. We took a closer look at articles/stories that aren't organized with subtopics, and how to read the complete paragraph, identify the main idea within the paragraph, and then write bullets supporting that idea. We read a fascinating article on octopus. Very cool! In **Math**, we continued working on applying subtraction strategies to larger numbers. This is still a bit of a sticky area for a few 3rd graders. PLEASE go over this with them at home, asking them to show you the strategies of using a number line OR constant differences, and practice giving them problems where they can teach you how to do what we are doing in class. The more they practice explaining these concepts, the more clear it is in their minds! **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** **Science**, we started looking at our Science text books and started to take notes in the "Boxes and Bullets" format, on the different types of energy. **Art in room 305**, this week, we talked a bit about perspective drawing as well as shadowing, and applied this effect to snowmen! They turned out completely adorable! I have a little picture above! If you get a chance, come see our bulletin board in the hall!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Dec. 7 	Dec. 8 	Dec. 9 	Dec. 10 	Dec. 11 Spelling test Julia Science Wizard 
Dec. 14  Book Buzz Presentation	Dec. 15 Book Buzz Presentations	Dec. 16 Book Buzz Presentations	Dec. 17 Book Buzz Presentations	Dec. 18 Winter Music Presentation 10:20-11:30 Ava Science Wizard
Dec. 21 _____	Dec. 22 _____	Dec. 23 Happy Break!!	Dec. 24 _____	Dec. 25 
Dec. 28 _____	Dec. 29 _____	Dec. 30 _____	Dec. 31 _____	Jan 1 
Jan. 4	Jan. 5	Jan. 6	Jan. 7	Jan. 8 Gianluca's Science 