



Friday, March 11, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

I wanted to thank you all for a very nice week of parent/teacher conferences! It is always a pleasure getting to meet with you all and talk about all the growth your third grader has made in the last few months, and where they continue to go! It is just hard to believe that we are already 2/3 of the way done with this school year! **Science Wizard:** Last week Logan taught us about the transfer of energy, creating a magnet out of a plastic spoon and a pair of wool socks, strong enough to attract a mixture of salt and pepper, and today Emma taught the class about how when carbon dioxide is trapped, it tries it's hardest to escape! We had fun outside in the rain watching a zip lock baggie come close to exploding from the mixture of vinegar and baking soda. **Upcoming:** We have 3 field trips before the end of the year! **March 31st** we will be going to Zellerbach Hall, **April 22nd** to Hayward Shoreline, and then **May 17th** to the Golden Gate Bridge. We will be needing drivers for all 3 trips! A sign-up for the Golden Gate Bridge will be on the website soon! Hopefully everyone will get a chance to run around and get some energy out this weekend to make for a better week next week... I know, all these rainy days keep us cooped up!

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: Unit 5 on Multiplication, Division & Area

STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!

Social Studies/Science: Our Solar System

Upcoming: Field trip to Alvin Ailey (Permission slip coming soon!)

Highlights

This week for **Writer's Workshop** a deadline for expert report and Ohlone reports have been established! All 3rd graders are expected to have these completed by next Friday, the 18th!! For those that have finished, we began working on creating a newspaper, comprised of different aspects of our lives here at Havens. Some have come up with the idea to do a "Then and Now" column, where they are developing interview questions for some members of the staff, and others are looking at ways to better things, such as lunch! The format is going to remain the same as what we have been practicing this trimester, which they are all pretty solid on. For **Reader's Workshop**, we continued looking at character, and developing theories, collecting evidence that will help us make predictions, and then later this week, looking more closely at how main characters in ALL stories travel along a story mountain, where a character will face a problem that ends up getting bigger and bigger and then reaches a turning point, and finally resolves it's problem. They began keeping track in their characters in their notebooks, drawing the outline of a mountain and then building up the sides. We also introduced "Book Clubs" today. Nothing formal YET, but they are starting to get excited! More on that to come next week! In **Math**, we continued working through unit 5, which is almost coming to an end. I have been impressed with their ability to comprehend, and create both multiplication and division word problems. They are really getting the hang of this! For Number Corner, we are tracking elapsed time, a good review, and we also have a very large, 5x6 foot chart where we are collecting area and perimeter. Our only problem is finding space to hang all these cool things! Help them find examples of area and perimeter in their everyday lives. **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** For **Science**, we have had a great time exploring space through a series of "Space School" videos. The 3rd graders have been so into this whole topic, taking avid notes along the way. We have learned in depth about all 9 planets, and got to watch a fascinating video on supernovas! Maybe one day one of our very own will be on a Space expedition!!!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
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 Alvin Ailey Field Trip	April 1 Simon's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test
April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8 Gen's Science Wizard Mad. Min
April 11	April 12	April 13 SprIng bREaK!!	April 14	April 15