



Friday, August 28, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

I would like to welcome everyone to our 3rd grade newsletter! I am excited to have each and every one of your children in my classroom this year! We are going to have a wonderful time learning and growing together, I can just tell! I would like to thank you all for another great week! Even though we have had a whole week of early dismissal, we sure managed to squeeze a lot in!

We have jumped right into readers workshop as well as our Bridges Math Curriculum, and have been busy learning lots and lots. We have also had a good time sharing special memories from our summer, meeting and getting to know each other as a third grade class and trying to settle into our routine as students. I also really enjoyed my afternoons getting to spend one on one time with your children during our reading assessments. It was a nice time for us to get to know more about each other and share some of our lives outside of being a student!

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: "Building our Reading Life" and writing about our best physical attribute as well as journal reflections across the curricula.

Math: Community Building and addition and subtraction facts to twenty.

Social Studies: "Me on the Globe"

REMINDERS: Have a fantastic weekend!

Highlights



In **Writing** this week, third graders got their first taste of the writing process, where we spend time brainstorming about our topic, drafting it, peer editing, and then final drafting. It was a short topic to write on, so they were able to go through the whole process in one writing period! A good introduction! Our writing assignment was for them to choose "The Best Part of Me." We read Rapunzel and had a discussion about attributes and pointed out Rapunzel's was her hair. We also read another book and chose our best attribute and came up with reasons why they were and did our writing piece. They turned out very nice! We learned that each and every one of us has our own special physical attributes that make us a part of who we are. Be sure to take a look at Back-2-School night next week! They have also been doing various reflections across the curricula in their many different journals they have this year! For **Reader's Workshop**, we have had a few really fun lessons, mostly focusing on building our own reading lives. We are learning about the importance of choosing good fit books and have our guide to help us. We are also learning to read our books as if they are gold! They loved our lesson on learning what a curmudgeon was and pretending to read as if they were a curmudgeon vs. reading as if it were gold! Be sure to ask them about this! It was lots of fun! This week, their **reading log** was also introduced. This is intended to be an ongoing project throughout the year, both at home and at school. Their log is to "LIVE" in their backpacks, and when they read at least 20 min at home independently, it is to be logged, and we will do the same in class during workshop. More info to come on this at Back-2-School night! In **Math** our focus this week was on building a community of learners and taking a closer look at our addition and subtraction facts through 20. They were introduced to their first "Work Place" game, which is a fun component of Bridges Math that they will be doing throughout the units of study. They are loving it so far! We have also already had two sessions with our kindergarten buddies. This is a great experience for them to have the chance to be teachers and have the patience to work with them! We always have to end our buddy session with some "TCMs," Totally Cute Moments!!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Aug. 31 1:45 Dismissal	Sept. 1 1:45 Dismissal	Sept. 2 1:45 Dismissal	Sept. 3 Back-2- School night 7:30-8:00 11:55 Dismissal	Sept. 4 1:45 Dismissal
Sept. 7 No School Labor Day	Sept. 8 Start 3:00 Dismissal	Sept. 9 Every Wednesday 1:45 Dismissal	Sept. 10	Sept. 11
Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Sept. 21	Sept. 22	Sept. 23 Dorothy & Ms. Revelli play @ A's game	Sept. 24	Sept. 25
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2