



Friday, January 15, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

It feels like January 1st was just yesterday! Where has our time gone? Your 3rd graders have turned into quite the little researchers and writers this week! It was so impressive to see their determination and excitement in their "Expert" writing pieces. Having them choose their own topic of interest really helps make for a really good project. I can't wait to see the final products! **Science Wizard:** Lizzy did a great job teaching the class today about how air expands when it is inside something similar to a vacuum because it is trying to escape. I couldn't believe how much the marshmallow grew when all the air was sucked out of it's container! So cool! Enjoy your 4 day weekend. Safe travels if you are going out of town, and looking forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday. **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 biographies. Completing all written assignments up until this point as well as staring our Informative Writing unit.

Math: Unit 4, students have been working on telling time, elapsed time, as well as measurement, primarily focusing on the metric system.

STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!

Social Studies/Science: Civil Rights with a look at MLK & "Sun Moon & Stars"

Upcoming Field trip to Chabot. Bring your permission slips back soon! Valentine's Day class celebration will be Friday, February 12th. More info to come!

Enjoy your 4 day weekend!!!

Highlights

This week for **Writer's Workshop** we were able to focus a lot on our "Expert" reports, and they are turning out really well! It is so fun to see something that each individual 3rd grader is excited about, come out in the form of a guide, or a pamphlet. The fun thing about this writing project is that they have also had to do a bit of research to help complete their chapters, which ties in with our studies these last few weeks for reader's workshop. The 3rd graders are also in the process of typing their "Small Moment" story from **last trimester**. I am patiently waiting for 10 more, so **please encourage your 3rd grader to finish these at home** on their google drive. For **Reader's Workshop**, our focus was quite challenging and a very advanced concept, and I was very impressed with how well 3rd graders were able to handle this. We took a deeper look at biographies and how to read them. We have learned that many biographies need to be read through two lenses, one lens is the narrative lens, and then the other is the expository lens. The example that was given was if we were reading about a violinist who lived during WWII, we would expect to learn about the narrative of the violinist, and then, learn a little history about WWII. Keeping this in mind while reading is not easy! We also learned about one of my favorite tricks to summarizing what we have read. That trick is to be able to answer these questions: **Somebody... Wanted... But... So...** Have your 3rd graders explain this to you and have them try it out in summarizing something they are currently reading! It really works! In **Math**, we continued focusing this week on measurement in grams, liters, and meters. We had a fun scavenger hunt, finding objects that would fit whatever was spun on the spinner, finding the mass of clay, and length and also collecting liquid volume. We also took a closer look at multi-step word problems, converting milliliters to liters, and what not. I am very pleased with the automaticity I am seeing as these 3rd graders take on these challenges. Check with your 3rd grader to see if they can explain this concept to you. **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** We had our first round and complete success! On to 3's!! **Social Studies** this week, we talked about Civil Rights pertaining to Dr. Martin Luther King JR. For **Science**, we continued reading about Sun, Moon, and Stars, and had a great lesson with Mr. Taylor, developing hypothesis for an experiment on how much water plants need to survive.

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Jan. 18 No School MLK	Jan. 19 No School PD for teachers	Jan. 20	Jan. 21	Jan. 22 Lauren's Wizard Mad Min Chabot field trip
Jan. 25	Jan. 26	Jan. 27	Jan. 28	Jan. 29 Drake's Science Wizard Spelling Test Mad Min.
Feb. 1	Feb. 2	Feb. 3	Feb. 4	Feb. 5 Haylee's Science Wizard Mad. Min
Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 10	Feb. 11 Open House! 11:55 dismissal	Feb. 12 Dorothy's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test Valentine's Day Celebration
Feb. 15	Feb. 16	Feb. 17 President's Week No School	Feb. 18	Feb. 19