



Friday, September 11, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

I hope you all had a very nice Labor Day Weekend! With the craziness of back-to-school, this 3 day weekend just so happened to come at the perfect time! I want to congratulate your 3rd graders for hangin' in there this week with the heat! They really held it together except for today, the coolest day of the week! Lots of little chatter bugs in room 305 today! Glad to hear about the fog rolling in this weekend!

We had a very busy and productive week despite the heat! Lots of academic areas covered, good books read and shared, and really good discussion held around these topics. **Homework:** Next Wednesday, the much anticipated homework packet will be coming home! Remember this packet is to be completed, but not to be turned in. The math pages are to be a guide for you to help see what your 3rd grader is doing in class, as well as to see how they are doing with the content. Please keep these for your reference! Along with the math, each week your child will be bringing home a collection of word work/spelling words that I will introduce in class. Your child will be expected to do various activities to ensure that these words and the spelling concepts they represent are mastered. This first set of spelling words will all be the same, however, the following set will be specific to the spelling needs of the students in the class. We will have spelling tests on the Friday of the 2nd week. More information included in the packet itself coming on Wednesday. As with anything, never hesitate to email if you have questions! **Don't forget to check out our website!!!** <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade201>

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: "Building our Reading Life" and starting to collect ideas in our writer's notebooks for future writing assignments.

Math: Community Building and addition and subtraction facts to twenty and beyond, Number Corner, Multiplication!

Social Studies: Started looking at California's 4 regions

REMINDERS: We can always use wipes!

Highlights



We continued **Writer's Workshop** this week learning about what it really means to keep a writers notebook. We read a brief article explaining that the notebook is like a ditch, an empty space you dig in your busy life, a space that will fill up with all sorts of fascinating little creatures, or ideas. We then took the outline of a heart and began filling our hearts with ideas we would like to write about in the future. Looking forward to diving deeper into these ideas! **Reader's Workshop** was spent this week focusing on a few new concepts. We started off the week learning the importance of reading and sharing a book with partners. We came up with good interview questions we could ask each other about books that are being read and gave that a try. Our main focus this week in reader's workshop was making sure we are comprehending what we are reading. The 3 main questions to ask for a QUICK comprehension check are: **1. Who is in this part of the story? 2. What just happened? 3. Does this fit with something that already happened, or is this new?** I encourage you to check in with your 3rd graders about this as they read at home, for this is one of the most important concepts of learning how to read. Also having them be able to make predictions about what might happen next or retell big parts they have already read are good guided questions for them as well. The read aloud book we are currently reading for workshop is *Stone Fox*. Be sure to ask your 3rd grader what is happening in this great story that is allowing them to do many of the concepts being learned this week! For **Math**, we continued building upon our addition and subtraction strategies and applying them to larger numbers. They were introduced to "Problem Strings," "Math Forums," and more. Please keep practicing addition facts with your 3rd grader and begin committing multiplication facts to memory. We began our **Social Studies** unit this week focusing on one of the 4 regions of California. This study is going to lead to a better understanding of what natural resources the land was able to give to the first peoples. More to come next week! Have a fantastic weekend!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Sept. 14	Sept. 15	Sept. 16 3 rd Graders receive first homework assignment!	Sept. 17	Sept. 18
Sept. 21	Sept. 22 Individual School Pictures	Sept. 23 Dorothy & Ms. Revelli play @ A's game	Sept. 24	Sept. 25 Harvest Festival Sunday
Sept. 28	Sept. 29	Sept. 30	Oct. 1	Oct. 2 First Spelling Test
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16