



Friday, March 18, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

What a great week! From Wizards to Irish Soda Bread, to Limericks to "Oh Danny Boy," as well as other performances from this class. We learned some history about St. Patrick's Day and why it is celebrated, and had some fun tasting a traditional favorite of mine, Irish Soda Bread, listening to some traditional Irish Fiddle, and reading stories... Thursday was quite enjoyable, for sure! https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=_o3sYQ8VKn8. (A link to "Oh Danny Boy"). This week, third graders also spent some time in the garden. I heard great reports from the small groups that came back! Taking a very close look at aphids, and other creepy crawlies in our garden are always so much fun!

Science Wizard: This week, Addison showed us what happens when you mix soap in with baking soda and vinegar. The results were similar in that carbon dioxide was created and needed to escape, but the dish soap created quite a foam! Very fun to see!

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 IS UP AND RUNNING!! Sign up if you can! Have a fantastic weekend! See your 3rd graders Monday!

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Fiction reading, with an emphasis on character, book clubs, our new class newspaper, and finishing uncompleted assignments.

Math: Unit 5 on Multiplication, Division & Area. Looking forward to beginning Unit 6 (Monday) on Geometry

STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!

Social Studies/Science: Our Solar System

Upcoming: Field trip to Alvin Ailey. Make sure to get the permission slips signed and returned soon!

Highlights

This week for **Writer's Workshop**, we continued to spend some time working towards completing our assignments thus far. Others have made really good progress on their portion of our newspaper, and it is beginning to take shape. Our next unit of writing is going to be spent looking a little deeper into the art of persuasive writing. Third graders had a brief introduction to this in November when they were writing from the viewpoint of a turkey, convincing the Thanksgiving cook not to eat them for dinner! It will be interesting to see where this next unit takes our creativity! This week, we also had a good time learning about a form of poetry, and studied the format of a Limerick, in honor of St. Patrick's Day. We got some clever poems, for sure! For **Reader's Workshop**, we continued to work on looking more deeply at our characters in both the books that we are reading on our own, as well as the books we are reading for our book clubs. In checking in with all groups, I was very impressed with what work had been done thus far. I really stressed the importance of making sure to note all findings as they are reading, on post-its, but also in their reading journal, for it will help aid in book club discussions. They are all really enjoying the independence this project brings, and the decisions they get to make as a group, within reason of course. Their discussions were very good today! In **Math**, we completed Unit 5 on multiplication, division, and area and will be starting Unit 6, Geometry, on Monday. Make sure to keep working on the Home Connection pages if you haven't, just to help reinforce the skills that we have been learning and working with so far. **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** For **Science**, we continued our study on Space, consolidating all our notes, and figuring out what part of our studies sparked our interest most, for our culminating mini project. We also had a very "sweet" test today on the moon phases! I am pleased to announce that everyone has a fairly good understanding of these different phases, and can hopefully identify these phases when looking up at the moon! Be sure to ask your 3rd grader about this test!!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
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
April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22 Zea's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test