



Friday, October 2, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Happy October! Hard to believe September is over! We have had a very productive first month of school and our days just continue to be filled with lots of learning! The rain on Tuesday was a nice little surprise and as one 3rd grader put it today, "It seemed like it was so much, even though it really wasn't!" Over these last two weeks, we have had a few new things. We have completed our first unit of study in Bridges Math which primarily focused on addition and subtraction. They had their end of unit assessment which will be trickling home soon. This unit was a great start to our year. Since so many of the concepts are taught so differently from when we were in 3rd grade, I thought it would be helpful to send home the workbook pages from unit 1. As you might have seen, they aren't all complete, which is fine! That is because this program is so jam packed with so much great math, we don't always have time to get to those workbook pages. I encourage you to use these as a form of communication, from me to you, so you can see the ways we are learning these concepts in class. They aren't expected to be completed, but just for your reference. We have begun our unit on multiplication, and started our new calendar for October. As of now, it looks like geometry. We have been making some pretty good predictions! Last Friday, the 3rd graders also had their first spelling test. These tests will be taken every other week. The students have a list of spelling words here in class as well as one that goes home. The words they are tested on are the words they have been practicing all week through the word sorts. For the most part, they all did really well! Don't forget to help them learn their spelling patterns and study their words. **Parents Needed for Halloween Festivities:** to help with a Halloween Party! The parade and whole school festivities will start at 2:15. If we have parents who are interested in helping with a little pre-parade in class celebration, don't hesitate to contact me! **Don't forget to check out our website!!!** <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade?>

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Focused on making predictions and retelling and writing small moment stories.

Math: Looking at multiplication through different models, especially arrays and beginning our Number Corner Calendar Math focusing on shapes and measuring in Milliliters and Liters

Social Studies: California's Coastal and Desert Regions

REMINDERS: Remember to sign-up for conferences or to help for art, gardening or library. Sign up to drive on our field trips! Be sure to check the website.

Highlights



We continued **Writer's Workshop** these last two weeks with more small moment stories. We have spent some time on our first one, going back and trying to make it as detailed as possible, and then taking those skills and applying the details to our next few small moment stories. Through examples of good literature, we are really getting a better idea of using things like our senses to describe our events, good use of adjectives, as well, to bring our writing to life! For **Reader's Workshop** our focus was on making really strong predictions, not just so much with what we think our character is going to do, but also using the text to help us determine *how* our character is going to do that. These types of predictions really helps us as readers slow down and use the context clues to help us. We also focused on the skill of retelling stories, probably one of the most common and most necessary strategies. Through our read aloud, *Stone Fox*, we were able to generate all the events that happened, with sufficient detail from the beginning to where we currently are. It is important for them to be able to recount the character's names and their actions, and what is actually happening. We had fun drawing a parallel to TV shows and how they do recaps of the last episode. During our retell of *Stone Fox*, one 3rd grader suggested we titled this assignment, "Previously in *Stone Fox*..." They are really getting the hang of this. Tying both Reader's and Writer's workshop in this week, we read the legend of Johnny Appleseed, since his birthday was September 26th. The 3rd graders are in the process of retelling this story in as much detail as they can and are doing well with it. Practice this with them at home. In **Math**, we began unit 2, looking at multiplication in arrays, specifically stamp books, and finding the value of the book. Our calendar this month is introducing the kids to geometry as well as measuring with milliliters and liters. The kids have already collected 500 mL of water, and were asked to predict how many liters we would fill if we collect 250mL of water a day, by the end of the month. With some good math knowledge, we made some pretty good predictions! **Social Studies** unit this week completing our study of the Coastal region, our home! Have a fantastic weekend!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Oct. 5	Oct. 6	Oct. 7	Oct. 8	Oct. 9
Book Fair this week		Walk & Roll to school		
Oct. 12	Oct. 13	Oct. 14	Oct. 15	Oct. 16
No School Professional Development				
Oct. 19	Oct. 20	Oct. 21	Oct. 22	Oct. 23
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30
Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6