



Friday, October 30, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Hard to believe October is over! The Halloween decorations are off the walls, and it's time to move on. Time flies when you are having fun, and working so hard! We had a nice ending to the month with a beautiful day for a parade and some fun

Halloween treats and crafts! I want to thank all the parents who helped put together a fun afternoon of **Halloween** festivities for us! This month, the 3rd graders enjoyed lots of different types of writing. Poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and more. The 3rd graders will be bringing home their Diamante poems today. We hope you enjoy them and can use them to help decorate your house for this weekend! Aside from Halloween, this month was chalk full of other great learning as well. Looking deeper into our reading and trying to figure out the meaning of challenging text, the 3rd graders took on the challenge of finding the meaning of our "Star Spangled Banner." This was no easy task! We've also traveled with google to the Galapagos Islands, typed our own Halloween stories, measured milliliters and Liters, studied multiplication, polygons, focused on our "Small Moment" stories, studied California's 4 regions, experimented with energy, and much more! Overall, a great month, and we are still standing! Thanks for your patience and support! Looking forward to what's to come! **Don't forget to check out our website!!!** <http://shaunarevelli.wix.com/3rdgrade2016>

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Ways to tackle more challenging texts & small moment stories and Halloween stories (typed), poetry (Diamante and Haiku)

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. **STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!**

Social Studies/Science: Wrapping up our studies on the 4 regions and beginning our unit on Energy & Matter.

REMINDERS: Parent/Teacher conferences next week!

11:55 dismissal all 5 days. Have a fun and safe Halloween!

Highlights

We continued **Writer's Workshop** this week introducing two types of poetry to the 3rd graders. They had fun learning about Haiku poetry, and dusting off their parts of speech knowledge to write a Diamante poem, all Halloween themed, which you will see coming home today! They also have been typing away, and our Haunted House stories are still coming in! For **Reader's Workshop** we spent some time reviewing all the strategies we have learned so far this month in reading fiction, and put those together in a culminating project, which was a book review. The kids had a great time thinking back on their favorite fiction book they read this trimester and wrote their own book review, including a summary, a recommendation, some mention of character traits, and a beautiful cover to illustrate their front. Lots of fun to share. In **Math**, we wrapped up our unit on multiplication and are about to jump both feet into unit 3 on addition and subtraction of larger numbers. Our November Number Corner is going to be full of surprises as we begin looking at fractions, and area. They were introduced to a new strategy to help practice multiplication facts, "9 lines." They are encouraged to practice this lots and lots at home.

CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory! These tests will be here soon!!! In **Science**, we are almost done with our rotation on our first round of hands on experiments. We are about to read about all we have been observing and take diligent notes, just like scientists do! In **computers** this week, not only did they learn a few new strategies on how to navigate the internet, such as copy and paste, they also spent some time working in google Drawings, creating their own Halloween pumpkin patch creation with a few specifics Mrs. Smith asked them to do. We also had a good time exploring our class webpage and trying out some of the math and spelling games that are on those links.

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Nov. 2 ~~~~~	Nov. 3 ~~~~~	Nov. 4 Week of Conferences 11:55 Dismissal	Nov. 5 ~~~~~	Nov. 6 ~~~~~ spelling test
Nov. 9	Nov. 10	Nov. 11 No School Veteran's Day	Nov. 12	Nov. 13
Nov. 16 Class picture day & make- ups	Nov. 17	Nov. 18	Nov. 19 Jr. Center Field Trip	Nov. 20 spelling test
Nov. 23 ~~~~~	Nov. 24 ~~~~~	Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Week	Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving	Nov. 27 ~~~~~
Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4