



Friday, May 6, 2016

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Our April showers brought me many, many flowers on Thursday! Everything was such a great surprise from the moment I put the key in my amazingly decorated door! I want to thank you all for making today so nice! Can't wait to read all my cards, and enjoy all my beautiful flowers. I feel appreciated for sure! We welcomed May with lots of excitement! I was very impressed and pleased with the enthusiasm all the 3rd graders had about testing! Monday morning when I picked them up, all I heard was, "I can't wait until testing, I'm so excited!!!" To my surprise, that enthusiasm continued the remainder of the week! We completed all four days of our Language Arts section and will be on to math Monday-Wednesday of next week. Remember if you have to miss because of an illness or emergency, there will be two make-up test dates next Thursday and Friday, but that is it! **Science Wizard:** Last week, Zea did a cool experiment teaching us about water tension and how dish soap breaks down the molecules that create the tension, by propelling a Styrofoam boat straight across a pyrex. Today Oli taught us that when mixing corn starch and water, it makes two states of matter, both solids and liquids. We tested it both with and without soap. It was really neat to see what the soap actually does! **Upcoming:** Golden Gate Bridge field trip on Tuesday, May 17th. **SUNDAY May 15th, 3:00, at Holy Names University**, come see your classmate **Lauren Brenner**, and me perform in a wonderful concerto concert. Three very talented young musicians from our Prep Department at Holy Names will be soloing a movement of a concerto and accompanied by an orchestra. Lauren will be one of 4 pianists playing a piece that will be accompanied by strings as well! You will be nothing short of impressed with this concert! Hope to see some of you there! Enjoy your weekend and have a Happy Mother's Day!

This Week's Focus and Standards:

Reading and Writing: Fiction reading, with an emphasis on character. Legend writing

Math: Completed our unit on geometry and began unit 7, extended study of multiplication and fractions

STUDY MULTIPLICATION FACTS!!!

Social Studies/Science: Life Science & Traditions of the Ohlone People, specifically looking at legends.

Highlights

This week for **Reader's Workshop**, we continued our focus on comparing. For **Writer's Workshop**, we are working on our second edition of our newspaper. PLEASE encourage your 3rd grader, if they didn't have an entry in the last edition, to get it done. They have had plenty of time in class to work on this, just haven't been using their time wisely!!! In **Math**, wrapped up our geometry unit. For the most part, students made many improvements since the beginning of the unit. Where many are still making mistakes is in reading what the problem is asking them to do. Many lost points because they solved for perimeter instead of for area, or forgot to label the correct units. This is all very VERY important. The beginning of unit 7 focuses on two-step problems, and we are really **emphasizing** the very crucial first step, which is to **identity what the problem is asking them to solve**. PLEASE help guide your 3rd grader in this direction every time they sit down to solve a word problem. It is a habit we need to break! For **Science**, we completed our studies on seeds and learned all about germination and life cycles. We have a mini experiment going on currently, with our germinated seeds. The 3rd graders have been testing what environment the seeds would germinate better in. We have them growing in a plastic cup with a wet paper towel, and a CD jewel case. The results have been pretty neck and neck. We are practicing creating our "testable" questions for our 3rd grade mini science fair that we will be looking forward to. We also had a lot of fun observing our crayfish, our first of a few lessons! Be sure to ask your 3rd grader about this experience! For **Social Studies**, we continue to work on our legends. Our creation stories are quite creative! Almost as if they are real creation stories from long ago!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
May 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13
_____	Testing this week	_____		Oliver's Science Wizard Mad. Min
May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20
				Marko's Science Wizard Mad. Min
May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27
				Arman's Science Wizard Mad. Min Spelling Test
May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
No School Memorial Day				Spring Concert Time TBD
June 6	June 7	June 8	June 9	
				