



Friday, October 23, 2015

Weekly Class News

From the third grade class of Ms. Revelli

Teacher's Note:

Our room is all "Spooked" out and ready to take on the excitement of next week! We had a lot of fun creating some spooky Halloween crafts and the kids love seeing them hanging from our lights! Aside from all the fun, we have also been quite busy academically as well. Wrapping up the trimester provides everyone some time to reflect, and see if the concepts that have been taught all along have been solidified. We are in the process of completing our first reading and writing unit, which focused on fiction for reading and personal narratives or small moments, and in math, we are about a week away from completing our first unit on multiplication. Committing our facts to memory are still in the process of being done, however, the 3rd graders have worked really hard at learning many different approaches to solving multiplication problems, giving them a deeper understanding of what they are actually doing when they multiply. It has been a lot of fun seeing and hearing those "ah ha" moments, when the kids finally understand what they are doing, which has been quite frequent as of late! This week we also began our first science unit on Matter and Energy and began our first set of hands on investigations dealing with the transfer of energy. Be sure to ask your 3rd grader about all the fun that have been going on in room 305! **Parents Needed for Halloween Festivities:** I am thinking of having our party right after lunch at 12:45. Since they will just have eaten, no need to provide food! Maybe a little treat! You might be seeing something regarding this soon from Sally Baack. 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)

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: Halloween festivities will take place on Friday the 30th. Remember, no bloody/gory/overly scary costumes and no weapons at school. Have a nice weekend!

Highlights



We continued **Writer's Workshop** these last few days working on balancing our time between small moment stories as well as finalizing our "Haunted House" stories for Halloween. The 3rd graders have loved being able to type their stories on their own google docs and then share them with me for editing, commenting, and printing. Such a big step for them! For **Reader's Workshop** we continued working on predictions as well as summaries, but have been focusing on looking at more complex texts. We began our study looking at challenging words that we might come across in our reading and how to approach that. Through using context clues, having students understand the "gist" of what is being read to help, as well as looking for synonyms and antonyms and using explanations from within the text that might give the definition, they have been trying to apply those strategies to their reading. We also had a lot of fun looking at figurative language, idioms, and alliteration, and seeing how and what authors are trying to say through these expressions. They have been on the look out for this type of writing! We finished our week looking at "questioning the text." Many times authors leave readers with the feeling of, "Huh?" It is at those moments where we as readers should question more deeply why the author decided to do what they did, and make predictions. A tricky concept, but one we will continue to work on. In **Math**, we continued to spend time focusing on different strategies used to multiply, these last few days focusing on the strategy of doubling. Be sure to ask your 3rd grader how this is a helpful strategy! We are continuing to collect 250mL each day we are in school, looking at our running total in mL as well as in Liters, and seeing how it switches over to fractions of a Liter and mixed fractions. **CONTINUE having your 3rd graders commit their facts to memory!** These tests will be here soon!!! We are in the process of putting the finishing touches on our **Social Studies** project and they are turning out really nice! We began our first unit of study in **Science**, Matter & Energy, and began our first round of hands on experiments today in class. The 3rd graders are quite excited about this and are really enjoying being able to conduct these experiments all on their own!

M	Tu	W	Th	Fr
Oct. 26	Oct. 27	Oct. 28	Oct. 29	Oct. 30 Halloween Parade @ 2:15
Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6
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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	Nov. 20
Nov. 23	Nov. 24	Nov. 25 Thanksgiving Week	Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving	Nov. 27
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