



August 21-25, 2017

Third Grade Weekly Letter

Language Arts

Reading Objectives: to define character and setting; to develop robust vocabulary

Reading Selection: *Ruby, the Copycat*

Reading Vocabulary: trudged, gushed, frustrated, imitated, coincidence, pleasant, modeled, murmured, loyal, recited

English Objectives: to distinguish between complete sentences and sentence fragments

Phonics Objectives: to recognize and blend short vowels; to read words with the VCCV pattern

Spelling Words: 1.this 2.went 3.jump 4.still
5.last 6.dust 7.tell 8.drop 9.shut 10.lamp
11.stop 12.felt 13.drink 14.clock 15.stand
BONUS WORDS (worth 1 point each):
1.sunset 2.muffin 3.pumpkin 4.hidden
5.basket

Spelling homework is assigned each Monday. It is due Friday, but can be turned in anytime during the week.

Religion

Objectives: to help students experience sharing personal good news; to understand that Scripture reveals we are called to live together as Christians; to explore how the Holy Spirit guides us to live as members of the Church

Announcements: Our monthly Rosary will be held Tuesday, August 22, at 8:00am, in the Family Center. Students may bring a rosary or can use one from the class set.

We will have Mass on Friday, August 25th, at 8:15. The Mass uniform is required.

Math

Objectives: to practice problem solving; to find number patterns of a hundred chart; to locate and name points on a number line; to use place value to read, write, and represent 3-digit numbers

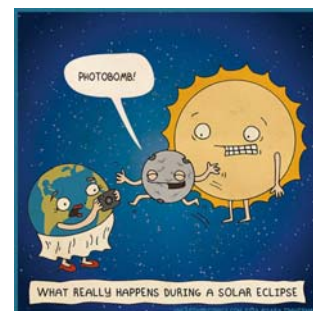
Vocabulary: even, odd, digits, standard form, expanded form, word form

Announcements: It is very important in 4th grade that students have mastered the basic Math facts. Therefore, 3rd graders will be given daily quizzes. The goal of the quiz is to be able to solve 20 math problems in 1 minute. First quarter quizzes will consist of basic addition facts up to $9+9$. Samples of quizzes will be shown at Back to School Night. Second quarter=subtraction facts up to $18-9$; Third quarter=multiplication facts up to 9×9 ; Fourth quarter=division facts up to 81 divided by 9

Within the next few weeks, I will provide several online resources for you to use at home to help your child practice. Flash cards are also useful tools.

Science

Announcements: The solar eclipse will take place Monday, during and after recess. I will provide safety instructions and glasses. In addition, we will make pin hole viewing devices in class.



Social Studies

Announcements: The Flat Stanley project will be officially assigned this week. The project will be worked on throughout the year and is due May 7, 2018. Examples will be shown during Back to School Night on August 29th.

Examples of Stanley's travels:

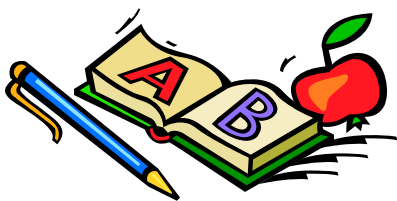
http://www.ucmp.berkeley.edu/about/flat_stanley07.php

<http://www.travelblog.org/Bloggers/Flat-Stanley--s--Travel-Blog/>



Reminders to Parents

- Please review the uniform policy. Students in third grade must wear belts if the pants have belt loops. Bracelets and earrings that dangle beyond the ear lobe are not permitted. Hair accessories must follow the uniform policy.
- Please check and initial your child's agenda daily.
- All hardcover books must be covered.
- Students are required to read 140 minutes a week and record it on the Weekly Reading Log (WRL). Please sign or initial each entry. The WRL is due each Monday. The first WRL will be handed out on August 18th.



This Week's Homework

Monday

Weekly Reading Log (due next Monday)

Tuesday

WRL

Wednesday

Read *Ruby the Copycat* (this will count as WRL), and answer the questions on page 40 on a piece of paper. It is not necessary to write the questions, just the answers.

Thursday

WRL, Study for Spelling Test; Spelling homework due tomorrow

Friday

WRL due Monday

Upcoming Events

PTO Back to School Social

Friday, August 25th

Back to School Night

Tuesday, August 29th

Labor Day-no school

Monday, September 4th

Grandparent's Day Mass and Reception

Friday, September 8th

PTO Meeting

Tuesday, September 12th

Teacher Retreat

Wednesday, September 20th

Individual School Pictures

Friday, September 22nd

Iowa Assessments

September 25th-29th

Homecoming Week

October 2nd-6th