

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

01-22-16 Newsletter

Reading: "Carving Stories in Cedar" by Kristine F. Anderson
Focus Skills: words with oi, oy, ou, ow and commonly misspelled words, demonstrative pronouns

Spelling Unit: #22 Pretest Monday (see below)

Vocabulary: (New): artist, carve, communicate, generation, preservation, process, represent, storyteller, tale, tradition, wood

Math:
Topic #10 Focus ... Topic quiz Friday
Some students are already started...and making wonderful progress.

Daily Math Quizzes...spiral topics
Khan Academy, Sumdog, FrontrowEd, Xtramath, ThatQuiz

- Science / Social Studies:**
- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
 - Time Life for Kids
 - National Geographic
 - Minecraft...new project soon
 - Stop Motion: ([link to website](#))

- Upcoming Events:**
- 5 Book Projects Due by March 11th
 - Make SURE to stay on top of ThatQuiz quizzes
 - Assignments NEED to be turned in when they are DUE!!

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Hello Parents,

Hello, hello, hello...it's be one heck of a week. I added a few items to the week that really made things interesting...and a little crazy. This week had a fun focus on volcanoes. The class worked in groups to save a fictional town in MinecraftEDU. The sits below to volcanic peaks. The peaks are staged to explode (teacher privilege :-). The groups had a limited number of blocks, 56 specifically, to save the town from the lava flow. Let the fun begin. They ARE NOT graded on the success or failure of their group. Their grade is based on the reflection journal. This is a mini-group dynamics experiment.

Next week we will refocus on power and energy...more specifically electricity. This will incorporate a couple of online and MinecraftEDU experiments as well as some paper articles and diagrams. I think this will be a fun week...especially with a Purdue friend of mine bringing some electric vehicle equipment next week.

The students have been reading a lot. This week alone they were responsible for reading a volcano story and completing a mini book project on that story. They also are listening to Stone Fox and responding to chapter questions. Last but not least the students are reading (and listening to) Rick Riordan's Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief. This along with Stone Fox will part of discussion in small groups as well as responding to questions in journals.

We will be busy, but I have plans for great projects and experiences for this semester!!

Classroom Calendar: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/calendar.html>
Assignments page: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/assignments.html>

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #22	
Pretest on Monday...Post Test Friday	
1. walking	10. lawn
2. talk	11. thaw
3. drawing	12. sauce
4. straw	13. haunted
5. claws	14. cause
6. because	15. sidewalk
7. fault	16. lawyer
8. chalk	17. laundry
9. stalk	18. faucet

NG Vocabulary (New List)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sentences in class● Quizzes and online games (SpellingCity)
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