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Third Grade News / Curriculum		01/04/23 - Newsletter
<b>Reading and ELA:</b> myBook <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• T.J. The Siberian Tiger Cub</li></ul> <b>GENRE:</b> Informational Text Comprehension <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Monitor and Clarify</li><li>• Text Structure</li><li>• Text and Graphic Features</li><li>• Central Idea</li></ul> Response to Text <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Write an Opinion</li></ul> Blog Entry	Phonological Awareness Minimal Pairs* Decoding Words with /â/ and /î/ Spelling Vowel + /r/ Sounds in air and fear <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Basic Words: air, wear, chair, fear, bare, bear, hair, care, pear, pair, share, near, tear, beard</li><li>• Review Words: worry, nurse, serve, firm</li><li>• Challenge Words: shearing, stairway, bleary, careless</li></ul> Fluency Accuracy and Self-Correction High-Frequency Words cells, wild, subject, meet	<b>Math:</b> Interpreting Data (Graphs, Tables, Charts...) <b>Topic 7: Lesson 7-1</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read Picture Graphs and Bar Graphs</li></ul> <b>Topic 7: Lesson 7-2</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make Picture Graphs</li></ul> <b>Topic 7: Lesson 7-3</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Make Bar Graphs</li></ul> <b>Topic 7: Lesson 7-4</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Solve Word Problems Using Information in Graphs</li></ul> <b>Topic 7: Lesson 7-5</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 7-5: Problem Solving: Precision</li></ul>
<b>Upcoming Projects, Science, and Social Studies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TinkerCAD: discuss new projects</li><li>• Robotics work area: CuteBots, Spheros, Micro Bits</li><li>• Physics: Hot Wheels and ramps (PEg = mgh)</li><li>• How to write a Hypothesis</li><li>• ...and so much more on the way!!!!</li></ul>		<b>Upcoming Events:</b> <b>JANUARY 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M 8 School Resumes</li><li>• 2nd Semester Begins for All Students</li><li>• M 15 MLK Day - No School</li></ul> <b>FEBRUARY 2024</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• M 19 No School - Snow Makeup Day #1</li></ul>

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Hello Parents!!

Happy New Year...welcome to 2024!!! I'm reusing much of the previous newsletter...with updates to the calendar and a few other misc items.

We are headed into the spring semester. This is often an exciting time for my classroom. We've covered a significant amount of core material in the fall semester. We've reached a point when we get to move into math concepts instead of just focusing on basic operations. We've covered much of the 3rd grade grammar and sentence basics...so now we can focus on more purposeful writing. We get to dive into some better stories and possibly small interest groups. It's also the time of year when we push more science, social studies and more involved projects.

As this second semester begins there are a handful of new elements greater than just curriculum. Ms. Mann, our teacher candidate, will be with us full time. This will add an additional teacher to the classroom and an opportunity for the class to have extra support. She and I will team teach, trade off various lessons and responsibilities and progress to a point later in the semester when she will run the classroom.

This is an exciting time and a point in the school year when I find myself re-energized and ready for some good experiences. The weather may be a challenge if the forecasts are correct, but I hope to see everyone back and ready for 2024 on Monday Jan. 08!!! Have a great end to the winter break and here's to a fun spring semester!!!

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 due or Reading Logs completed by Dec. 22 . <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

This Week's Focus:

- Spell words with the /aw/ sound spelled **al**, **ough**, **o**, **au**, and **aw**

**1. also**

**2. bought**

**3. cough**

**4. almost**

**5. false**

**6. officer**

**7. soft**

**8. stalk**

**9. halt**

**10. faucet**

**11. saucer**

**12. caution**

**13. lawyer**

**14. awesome**

**15. stall**

**16. crawl**

**17. awful**

**18. because**