

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum	01-22-16 Newsletter
<p>Reading: “Carving Stories in Cedar” by Kristine F. Anderson and “Stories to Tell” by Janine Boylan and Elizabeth Lindsey</p> <p>Focus Skills: words with ew, oo; au, aw; al, all and commonly misspelled words, indefinite pronouns, possessive pronouns, pronoun agreement, homophones</p> <p>Spelling Unit: #23 Pretest Monday (see below)</p> <p>Vocabulary: (REVIEW): artist, carve, communicate, generation, preservation, process, represent, storyteller, tale, tradition, wood</p>	<p>Math: Topic #10 Focus ... Topic quiz Friday Some students are already started...and making wonderful progress.</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Daily Math Quizzes...spiral topics Khan Academy, Sumdog, FrontrowEd, Xtramath, ThatQuiz</p>
<p>Science / Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google Classroom: Assignments!!• Time Life for Kids• National Geographic• Minecraft...new project soon• Stop Motion: (link to website)	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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,
Another busy week has passed. It’s been odd having several students out...we’ve missed them throughout the week and enjoyed the end when they finally all returned. Pesky viruses and bugs messing up attendance...hopefully they blow away and we have everyone in class for a while!

I cannot believe that we might actually make it to our first snow make-up day without any significant snow...that said, I may have just jinxed this weekend...I see snow predicted for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday...oh what fun!!

We had a little fun this week with science. Last week was volcanoes, and this week was electricity. Mostly reading...but I did manage to arrange a visit from one of the Purdue motorsports crew to come talk and share some pieces from their EV Grand Prix racing. Alex was a great visitor and I think the class enjoyed his presentation and some of the items he brought to share. The in class experiments were all online. Autodesk has a great educational site called: **Project Ignite**. The site is designed to teach and have students learn as they go. Electronics was our main focus, but there are also lessons on CAD and programming Arduino boards and robotics. The only expectation was that everyone try the basics electronics lessons...I challenged several students to three-way switches, working with volt meters and oscilloscopes, and potentiometers (dimmer knobs).

Next week we explore a little about Egypt, the Nile and buoyancy. This is just for the week...we are nearing the Iditarod, and for fun we have a couple weeks of fun one week unit/topics. The Egypt theme was brought up by our cadet teacher, Ms. Bates. We hope to have some fun, learn about a little history and culture, and time some math and science together with a boat building challenge.

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

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

Spelling Unit #23	
Pretest on Monday...Post Test Friday	
1. friend	10. died
2. night	11. eight
3. thought	12. tired
4. does	13. Friday
5. again	14. Saturday
6. said	15. pierced
7. people	16. horrible
8. believe	17. jewelry
9. tried	18. guard

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