

Third Grade News / Curriculum	02-17-17 Newsletter
<p><b>Reading:</b> Reading Groups...Independent reading and book projects</p> <p><b>Spelling Unit:</b> #24 (Pretest Monday, Test Friday)</p> <p><b>Wordly Wise:</b> Lesson 11 (Review): diagram, frustrate, graduate, prank, primary, risk, stress, urge, vacant, vigorous</p>	<p><b>Math: Chp. 8: Multiplication and Division</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mon.</b> Chp. 9 pgs. 539-542, 543-544</li> <li>• <b>Tues.</b> Chp. 9 pgs. 545-548, 549-550</li> <li>• <b>Wed.</b> Chp. 9 pgs. 551-554, 555-556</li> <li>• <b>Thur.</b> Chp. 9 pgs. 557-560</li> <li>• <b>Fri.</b> Math Games and Fun Stuff</li> </ul>
<p><b>Science / Social Studies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Google Classroom: Assignments!!</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Iditarod Racer cards</li> <li>○ Iditarod Webquest</li> <li>○ EdPuzzle: Iditarod</li> <li>○ Readworks Online</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Social Studies / History / Technology:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minecraft - Homes in the Community             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ FINISHING THIS WEEK</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>February</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ M 20 No School – Snow Makeup Day #1</li> <li>○ M 27 ISTEP Official practice Test</li> <li>○ T-TH (2/28 to 3/2) ISTEP</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>MARCH 2017</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ F 10 3rd Nine-Wk Grading Period Ends</li> <li>○ M 13 Spring Break Begins</li> <li>○ M 20 School Resumes - 4th Nine-Week Grading Period Begins</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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Hello Parents,

Four day week...four day week!! NO School MONDAY!!

That means five days of work crammed into four days....heh heh heh!!! Just kidding?! We will have a great four days of good work and fun.

Hopefully we are wrapping up the Minecraft homes...and slideshows. Sometimes too much fun is just that...too much.

The next 3D printing project is coming along nicely...Totem Pole Pens. As we look to the far North West for the upcoming Iditarod...the Pacific Northwest is riddled with history and amazing art...the totem poles. The timing of this project was perfect for a contest that was strangely related:

<http://makezine.com/2017/02/02/no-lathe-pen-challenge-makes-think-creatively/>

So, we sent an entry. No names were used.

[https://youtu.be/KUvjY\\_lfJz8](https://youtu.be/KUvjY_lfJz8)

ISTEP is nearing. I don't say this to draw concern. It's merely a fact. I will be working through some practice and overview materials in the next week. This material to familiarize the class with the testing expectations...not actual study materials. The ISTEP is not something to study for. The test measures the accumulated knowledge and skills from Kinder to the beginning of third grade. My in class preparation is to teach format and the importance of following directions. The first section that we will take is called "Applied Skills". This is a paper and pencil assessment that will require students to read and respond with clear thoughts, in complete sentences and explain their ideas and process. IN other words...EVERYTHING we do every day!!

The work that we do each school day and the expectations I have regarding read and response, writing math explanations and always using complete sentences...this has all been practice towards being able to assess well and just communicate and respond.

It's alright. It's just a test. It cannot and will not hurt you. It's just a test. One test among many that you will take in your life. In the grand scheme of things...in the BIG picture...this test doesn't matter. It's the first time you've taken a test like this...don't panic. I know what you are capable of...I know that each of you is smart and creative. This test cannot test that part of you...not the way I see you everyday in class. This test will NOT determine any part of your academic success...it will not decide if you pass or fail 3rd grade. When you get the scores (later this summer...or more likely around next December) don't let this test make you believe you are any less than amazing. A score...a number is not who you are. There is NO way that scores determine the class placement in 4th grade...last year's scores weren't even out before mid-Fall.

**Assignments page:** <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/assignments.html>

## BOOK PROJECTS:

**There are 5 projects due each grading period. That means 5 due by March 10.**

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Spelling

Unit # 24 - Review Unit, ONLY Test Friday

1. hammer	13. oil	25. true
2. happen	14. point	26. chalk
3. ladder	15. pull	27. lawn
4. lesson	16. put	28. walking
5. letter	17. royal	29. again
6. little	18. voice	30. believe
7. middle	19. clue	31. night
8. million	20. glue	32. people
9. puddle	21. move	33. said
10. rabbit	22. movie	34. thought
11. good	23. study	35. tried
12. noise	24. summer	