

Third Grade News / Curriculum	02-19-16 Newsletter
<p>Reading: “Volcano Views” by Carsten Peter and Chris Beem</p> <p>Focus Skills: words with /oo/oo; words with silent consonants; and commonly misspelled words, regular and irregular comparison adverbs, Greek and Latin roots</p> <p>Spelling Unit: #25 (Monday pretest) see list below</p> <p>Vocabulary: see list below</p>	<p>Math:</p> <p>Topic #12 Focus ... Fractions</p> <p>...the push is to move through topic 12 by the end of the week</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Daily Math Quizzes...spiral topics</p> <p>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	<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,

Four days...feels like 10!! Every time....seriously EVERY TIME we have a short week I feel like we cram more and more into the short time. That said, the class was productive this week! We read, and practiced a few skills that will be important for the upcoming ISTEP and IREAD.

I cautiously mention ISTEP and IREAD, because I don’t want to stir anyone up about standardized testing. Please know that neither test is by itself a determining factor in your child’s life or school career. Neither test holds the power to decide or control your child’s fate. WL Schools do not subscribe to using these standardized tests to determine student direction. So, as I do practice a little about testing format and talk about the timing and basic rules, please help me help your child to know that these tests are NOT A BIG DEAL.

Next week we have all five days...oh the joy! I look forward to starting up in earnest our study of the Iditarod. Students have nearly all picked a racer to follow and some have begun a little research. They will be creating profile cards (think over-sized baseball card) about their racer and team. These will be turned into typed documents...but first written drafts. We have a couple crafts to build as well...and these we will work on over the next couple weeks. This is a fun time, and an amazing source of history in our country...it also shows the best of human compassion.

The totem pen project is well underway. Several students have had GREAT success designing their totem pole pens in TinkerCAD. So far nearly all have been printed on the 3D printers. I would suspect that some even came home to be seen. Know that THEY designed them. I was merely the editor that checked a couple items before sending them to print. Be proud...and impressed!

Read Across Cumberland Activities:

Feb. 22nd Exercise Your Mind & Read (wear your exercise gear)

Feb. 23rd Reading is Cool (wear sunglasses)

Feb. 24th Step into Books (wear silly socks or slippers)

Feb. 25th Hats on for Reading (wear a hat)

Feb. 26th Books are Best Friends (dress as your favorite character)

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 #25
Review list...Test ONLY on Friday

1. easy	10. Tuesday
2. picture	11. swimming
3. through	12. Monday
4. guess	13. fifth
5. caught	14. presents
6. kept	15. answered
7. different	16. Hawaii
8. surprise	17. valuable
9. favorite	18. library

NG Vocabulary
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sentences in class● Quizzes and online games (SpellingCity)
core, create, develop, erupt, flow, force, island, lava, magma, ocean, pressure, rock, volcano