

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

02-26-16 Newsletter

**Reading:** Selvakumar Knew Better” by Virginia Kroll  
**Focus Skills:** words with VCV and VCCV patterns; commonly misspelled words, adjectives and adverbs  
**Spelling Unit:** #26 (Monday pretest) see list below

**Vocabulary:** see list below

**Math:**  
Topic #12 Focus ... Fractions  
...the push is to move through topic 12 by the end of the week...test will open for students Thursday 3-3-16

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

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Iditarod Racer Cards...paper and slide
- Time Life for Kids
- Lightning Thief: Chp 10 responses due Monday
- Lightning Thief: Chps 11-13 next week!!

**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,

Full week ahead...at least I hope that the forecasts stay the same and there is a warming trend! I think we will all appreciate it if we can have that 4-day weekend in April (Friday snow-makeup and Monday snow-makeup)

Next week we have ISTEP. There’s no point hiding from it...it’s here. I have tried hard to make sure that the class is prepared. I have familiarized them to the format. We have looked at the 2013 and 2014 released test items. These can be found on the INDOE website. I have shown the class that there are directions and clues embedded in the testing pages “SHOW YOUR WORK”, “EDITING CHECKLIST” and more. I have answered 100 or more questions...and expected 1000 on Monday morning...those too I shall answer. But I have also assured the class that this is only one test. I have made the following statement to my students each year. I share with you parents so that you too are aware and can help dismiss rumors and gossip about the test.

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.

We have much to do this coming week. Iditarod is coming soon...7 days and counting (<http://iditarod.com/>). There are racers cards to complete, crafts to start, and fun to be had!! We are mid way through the totem pens. Three more completed their designs today and I printed them...two were finished before school let out. One sits on a desk waiting until Monday. The world does not stop for ISTEP...my classroom will not stop. We have a full week and aside from an hour here and there for testing...I intend on using each and every day to the fullest!! So rest up and come ready for a great week!!

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 #26

**Review list...Test ONLY on Friday**

1. unhappy

2. unsafe

3. unlucky

4. restart

5. rewrite

6. replay

7. reread

8. untie

9. unfold

10. unwrap

11. unpack

12. repay

13. refill

14. repaint

15. unconscious

16. undefeated

17. remodel

18. rebound

## NG Vocabulary

- Sentences in class
- Quizzes and online games (SpellingCity)

earthquake, plate, power, rescue, sense, shore,  
signal, tsunami, warn, wave