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Third Grade News / Curriculum		02/16/24 - Newsletter
<b>Reading and ELA:</b> myBook • A Bumpy Ride GENRE: Informational Text • Energy Island GENRE: Narrative Nonfiction Comprehension • Make and Confirm Predictions • Text Structure • Literary Elements • Figurative Language Response to Text • Write a Magazine Article • Write a Summary	Phonological Awareness Sound Reversal* Decoding Prefixes re-, un- and Suffixes -less, -ness Spelling Prefixes re-, un- and Suffixes -less, -ness Basic Words: unfold, rejoin, reheat, unfair, rewrite, unwrap, painless, helpless, kindness, fearless, goodness, spotless, softness, darkness • Review Words: invited, planned, drumming, changing • Challenge Words: forgiveness, effortless, reawaken, unequal Fluency Reading Rate High-Frequency Words square, sum, difference, length	<b>Math - Geometry:</b> • Identify, describe, and draw points, lines, and line segments using appropriate tools (e.g., ruler, straightedge, and technology), and use these terms when describing two-dimensional shapes. • Identify, describe, and draw rays, angles (right, acute, obtuse), and perpendicular and parallel lines using appropriate tools (e.g., ruler, straightedge, and technology). Identify these in two-dimensional figures. • PS.1: Make sense of problems and persevere in solving them • PS.2: Reason abstractly and quantitatively. • PS.4: Model with mathematics.
<b>Upcoming Projects, Science, and Social Studies:</b> • MinecraftEDU: next project??? • Physics: Hot Wheels and ramps (PEg = mgh) • New TinkerCAD and 2nd grade project... • ...and so much more on the way!!!!		<b>Upcoming Events:</b> <b>FEBRUARY 2024</b> • M 19 - IN SCHOOL!!! We have a day to make up...so it's a school day!  <b>MARCH 2024</b> F 8 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9-Week Grading Period Ends (43 days) M 11 Spring Break Begins M 18 School Resumes 4 <sup>th</sup> 9-Week Grading Period Begins

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Hello Parents!!

Wow...this week may take the cake for being busy and wild. Start with sunny and almost shorts weather and finish in a snowstorm?!?! I just LOVE Indiana springs!! (I really tried to find the sarcasm font/slant). We have been super busy with daily work, math topic work and the associated quick-checks and final test and then wrap it up with CoGAT. Add a society project and teaching kindergarteners how to make paper airplanes...and that is this week. It was wild, I am tired, but it was a really good week!! I am actually quite proud of many in this class for finding their grit and tackling this week head first! A few students did find themselves behind at points, but nearly everyone figured out ways to catch up and refocus. That is one of the hardest lessons to learn, but also one of the more valuable ones.

Next week will be busy, but in different ways. With the society project moving forward, we should be able to introduce the next 3D printing project and get 3rd graders working with the 2nd grade partners on the 2nd grade project and then 3rd grade working on theirs. If all goes as planned, it should be a wonderfully chaotic printing madhouse by Friday. And that will be awesome!!

Ms. Mann will assume more next week and I will be trying to step away so that she can truly lead. It's hard, if you're a teacher/instructor you get it. Us teachers are control freaks...and relinquishing control to another person is tough...but Ms. Mann is great...and I trust her. Remind your students that we are BOTH teachers.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful weeknd! Enjoy the snow...I think it will be short-lived. Temps next week are forecast to be as high as 55\*!!!

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 due or Reading Logs completed by March 08 . <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

This Week's Focus:

- Spell words with silent letters

**1. calf**

**2. walked**

**3. ghost**

**4. gnawed**

**5. climber**

**6. wreath**

**7. listen**

**8. island**

**9. scent**

**10. wrench**

**11. judge**

**12. fasten**

**13. wrist**

**14. doubt**

**15. knock**

**16. answer**

**17. knelt**

**18. sign**