

Third Grade News / Curriculum	03-18-16 Newsletter
<p><b>Reading:</b> “Two Clever Plans” retold by Colleen Pellier and Margaret Read MacDonald and <u>Lightning Thief</u> <b>Focus Skills:</b> words with suffixes: -y, -ly, -less, -ful and commonly misspelled words, irregular past-tense verbs and regular past-tense verbs, word categories</p> <p><b>Spelling Unit:</b> #29 (Monday pretest) see list below</p> <p><b>Vocabulary:</b> see list below</p>	<p><b>Math:</b> Focus on Fractions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Fractions and Decimals</li><li>Fractions, Decimals and Percetages</li><li>Money: Making change, adding, subtracting</li></ul> <p>-----</p> <p>Daily Math Quizzes...spiral topics Khan Academy, Sumdog, FrontrowEd, Xtramath, ThatQuiz</p>
<p><b>Science / Social Studies:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Dragon's Scales, Sir Cumference and the Dragon of Pi, 7 x 9 = Trouble, Me and Molly Maloo</li><li>Time Life for Kids</li><li>Lightning Thief: Chp 17 Monday...Due Tuesday</li><li>Lightnint Thief</li></ul>	<p><b>Upcoming Events:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>5 Book Projects Due by March 11th</li><li>Make SURE to stay on top of ThatQuiz quizzes</li><li>Assignments NEED to be turned in when they are DUE!!</li></ul>

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Hello Parents,

So...first week back from break. Full moon. Tired kids. Tired teacher...but Great week!!

This was a fun full week back. We did get quite a bit done. I know that some students felt overwhelmed, but this wasn't a heavy week. I have a checklist document that we are going to try next week to keep everyone organized. This might be what some need to stay on task...and get things done in the correct order. This will start in their Google Classroom as a digital checklist. If they fall behind, then I can print the list and send home highlighted and this will serve as communication with you the parents to help your child get caught up.

This was our last week of Iditarod. The finish was good...it actually happened over break, but there was some terrible drama. Two of the racers and their teams were attacked and hit by an aggressive snowmobiler. This has been well reported and documented. I shared some of the news surrounding the incident...and this proved a good lesson in perseverance. Both racers continued, and finished in the top 10 places. Every race year is different...I just hated that there were injuries and violence tied to this year.

We are going to be busy...it's that time of year! We will be working on several projects and fun experiments. We will also be working on several home projects...so watch for the emails and notes/directions. This spring will be back to back with the fun...but also squeezing in the core material remains the priority. So, also watch for the emails and notes about getting your kiddo caught up with daily work. That's where I get many of the grades.

Report cards should come home Wednesday March 30th. If your child is absent, it'll be waiting for their return. Note that some grades may be lower than expected...missing assignments are going to count against their grades.

For this last nine week grading period I will be sharing with you the Engrade login to see grades as they occur. Many of the students have already gotten logins and are tracking their progress. They are wonderfully impatient with my grading :-)

I will get letters out with report cards to share the login info.

This is going to be a GREAT final nine weeks. We will have fun and learn so much. I just cannot believe we are already at this point. February seemed to drag along...then suddenly we are looking at April and already talking about end of the year activities and plans! Buckle up...it's going to be a quick and crazy ride!!

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

## Spelling Unit #28

**Pretest Monday...if not 100% Retest Friday**

1. America

2. very

3. pair

4. hair

5. near

6. year

7. deer

8. stereo

9. fair

10. stairs

11. fear

12. clear

13. cheer

14. steer

15. prairie

16. appear

17. beard

18. volunteer