

Brantley Classroom News

Cumberland Elementary
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Third Grade News / Curriculum

05-06-16 Newsletter

Reading: Un Lun Dun - Continuing...(so many chapter!) All digital...versions are shared on the class website
Focus Skills: Focus on comprehension and reading for understanding. Each reading/chapter there will be a question that will be posted on Google Classroom. Students will be expected to respond online at school or at home. Continuing to use Kindle and Chromebooks
Spelling Unit: #35 (PRETEST Monday) see list below
Vocabulary: see list below

Math:

- Reviewing a variety of math skills.
- Continuing math topics
- Looking ahead at 4th grade math skills
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Science / Social Studies:

- Minecraft Science Fair (sharing)
- Popsicle Bridge contest (one week...in class)

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!!

<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/news-blog>

Hello Parents,

And...ISTEP...is DONE (for 2016). We even knocked out the Pilot test that we were SO HONORED to be chosen to complete. It's been a crazy week...but it's good to have all the testing stuff behind us...that said, I will be assessing in class reading levels and we have a few end-of-the-year assessments....but these are in house and serve a useful purpose.

I have enjoyed the Minecraft projects and the water rockets. This was a project heavy week...but with the weather finally cooperating and acting it's season, it was fun to get outside. Next week will be a blast. The annual popsicle bridge building contest will begin Monday. This is a team building contest where each team (3-4 kiddos) will have 80 popsicle sticks and 4 days to construct a bridge that spans a 10in gap. You can see the results of 2014 (<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/2014-bridge-projects.html>) and 2015 (<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/2015-bridge-projects.html>). This is a FUN project!!

I CANNOT believe we are staring down the last 2.5 weeks. We have several fun projects left...albeit we have very little time left to complete them.

Monday 3rd grade will be visiting Happy Hollow. Our class will visit Ms. Hanna and learn about 4th grade routines and expectations, then we will tour the school, and finish in the LGI with Mrs. Psarros. This will be a great learning trip about Happy Hollow. Students will have several opportunities to ask questions about nearly every aspect of Happy Hollow.

I have a love/hate relationship with the end of the year. I want to so much to spend time having fun and getting to the "cool" projects...but there are responsibilities...assessments. We will do what we have to do...and have fun all the time that we can.

P.S. - We enjoyed some GREAT Batting Practice with all the ball players, and several who were just interested. This was a FUN break time activity. While some enjoyed the last 15 minutes of Star Wars rebels, the rest were just outside our class door and practiced hitting sand balls. The hitting was good, but a few are dropping their back shoulder when they swing. We worked on keeping a flatter swing through the plate. I'll look forward to seeing everyone playing at the ballpark tonight!!

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #35

Pretest Monday...Friday Test

1. special

2. real

3. before

4. every

5. being

6. laugh

7. could

8. caterpillar

9. cousin

10. chocolate

11. dinosaur

12. upon

13. Wednesday

14. clothes

15. barbecue

16. scissors

17. somersault

18. cupboard