

Brantley Classroom News

Cumberland Elementary
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Third Grade News / Curriculum

05-13-16 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: #36 (**NO PRETEST**) Review list below

Vocabulary: see list below

Math:

- Reviewing a variety of math skills.
- Continuing math topics
- Looking ahead at 4th grade math skills
- STAR Math assessment
- End of Year benchmark assessments

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,

Oh my...what a week!!! Busy stuff ALL WEEK!!! We've finally review all the Minecraft science fair projects...some pretty great demonstrations, models and even a few experiments! The big focus this week was out popsicle bridge contest. This has been an annual favorite. The basics are: 80 popsicle sticks, Elmer's School glue (only) and 4 build days. On Friday we put the bridges to the test. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/2016-bridge-projects.html> I was VERY impressed with our new classroom record holders!! 111.3 pounds has set the new class record previously set by my son's group two years ago. Let's just say I kind of enjoyed telling him that his record had been crushed by 9lbs...he NEVER thought it could possibly be beat.

This coming week we will be working through several more projects. I will be introducing a few more robotics platforms, we'll experiment with simple machines, we'll hit a few fun upper-level math concepts and there will be a few different Wii sports tournaments. If it sounds like fun...well that was the goal. I want this week to start and finish with a level of fun...but with the understanding that we aren't done yet. There are still going to be times set aside for reading and math...but also math games and some interesting reading challenges.

We continue to lose students this week. I have been alerted to one more early departure. If your child is leaving us early PLEASE let me know ASAP. The current plan for other early departures is that I will email a PDF of the final report card.

I've been enjoying the weather finally warmed enough that outside has been possible. It would seem that Indiana weather is still taunting us with the highs and lows. This week looks good, but please consider sending a sweatshirt at the least with your child...just in case.

We have eight days left...this is exciting and sad. I expect that this next week will start to show more emotion and maybe even some stress. It's that time of year...the third graders are excited that they have finished at Cumberland, but also nervous about Happy Hollow. I do my best to ease their concerns and assure them that they will have a great experience at Happy Hollow...and that they can visit us at Cumberland anytime.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend (what's left)...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #36

NO Pretest Monday...Friday Test

1. afternoon

2. backyard

3. bedroom

4. butterfly

5. grandfather

6. grandmother

7. himself

8. outside

9. popcorn

10. didn't

11. I'm

12. it's

13. animal

14. another

15. brother

16. dollar

17. garden

18. lemon

19. squirrel

20. sugar

21. wagon

22. actor

23. farmer

24. hunter

25. painter

26. sailor

27. violinist

28. waiter

29. caterpillar

30. chocolate

31. clothes

32. could

33. cousin

34. upon

35. Wednesday