



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

08/09/19 Newsletter

**Reading:** Zach Jumps in! & Marisol McDonald Doesn't Match  
**Focus Skills:** Point of View, Make & Confirm Predictions, Theme, Realistic Fiction, Short Vowels a, e, i, o, u, Short Vowels, Accuracy and Self-Correction  
**Spelling Unit:** Module 01 Week 01 (see 2nd page)  
**Vocabulary:** Module 01 Week 01 (see 2nd page)

**Math:**

- **Mon.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 9 to 14
- **Tues.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 15 to 20
- **Wed.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 21 to 26
- **Thurs.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 27 to 28
- **Fri.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 29 to 34

**Science / Social Studies:**

- **Google Classroom: Assignments!!**
  - Readworks: Daily Article (online assignment)
  - Edpuzzle: 1st assignment Google Classroom
  - Writing Assignment: Brochure

**Social Studies/History:**

- Daily Geography

**Upcoming Events:**

**August 2019**

- 8th - School Year Begins

**September 2019**

- 2nd - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL
- 23rd - Professional Staff Day - No Students

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Hello Parents,

Two days in the books...done and done well. We have started some great writing, worked through a little math, previewed reading, started in Google Classroom and begun XtraMath placement. It's been a busy productive two days and I think everyone is still in good spirits.

Next week we dive into the first reading stories of our series, new spelling and new vocabulary words. Most of the time our reading books will remain at school. If an assignment falls behind, you might have your student bring home a reader with specific instructions.

Spelling is primarily on SpellingCity. Your student can login easily using their Student Google Account. All login information can be found on your student's red folder. I try to make sure all login information is saved so that the information is at home and school (PLEASE make sure your child returns their red folder every day!)

Next Thursday, August 15th, from 5-6 PM is our parent meeting. This is an optional meeting, but I do share a lot of information about the year and am available to answer questions. I will share all information via email, so if you aren't able to make the meeting please email me questions.

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due EACH grading period. 5 due by Oct 10.**

<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>

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# Spelling: Module 01 Week 01

## Pretest Monday, Retest Friday

1. crop
2. plan
3. thing
4. smell
5. shut
6. sticky
7. spent
8. lunch
9. pumpkin
10. clock
11. gift

12. class
13. skip
14. swing
15. crash
16. dish
17. frog
18. plum
19. planning
20. sprint
21. wedge
22. problem

### Vocabulary: Module 01 Week 01

\*\*\*These words will NOT be on spelling,  
but will be used for meaning and sentence creation\*\*\*

#### **BIG IDEA WORDS**

individuality  
unique  
feature  
personality

#### **CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

clash  
winking  
suggest  
scrunches  
mushy  
usual  
bilingual  
mismatched

#### **HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

teacher  
brother  
son  
baby

#### **INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

narrator  
point of view  
confirm  
prediction  
character  
literary elements  
plot  
setting  
moral  
theme  
topic



Help us kick off  
this year's

# **WEST LAFAYETTE FOOTBALL SEASON!**

Saturday, August 10th  
@ WL Football Complex on Cumberland

Community Event begins at 5:00  
Intra Squad Scrimmage kicks off at 7:00

Bring your family and enjoy an evening getting to know your

## **2019 WL FOOTBALL TEAM**



Concessions will be open for dinner and snacks!  
A portion of the proceeds will support WLDM

Some of the fun, FREE activities that you will get to enjoy include  
having your WL Schedule Poster signed by senior players,  
interacting with players while participating in football drills and games  
on the field, having your face painted and  
exploring police cars and fire trucks!

\*\*\*We will also be raffling off an awesome Game Day Field Experience for one lucky kid\*\*\*

# West Lafayette Elementary School

One more student in our class...



Buddy

## English Bulldog

Buddy is a one and half year old English Bulldog who serves as a certified therapy dog.

Bulldogs have characteristically wide heads and shoulders along with a pronounced mandibular prognathism. There are generally thick folds of skin on the brow; round, black, wide-set eyes; a short muzzle with characteristic folds called a rope or nose roll above the nose; hanging skin under the neck; drooping lips and an underbite with an upturned jaw.

Bulldogs are known for getting along well with children, other dogs, and other pets. Most have a friendly, patient, but stubborn nature. Bulldogs are recognized as excellent family pets because of their tendency to form strong bonds with children.

## What does it take to be a certified therapy dog?

A therapy dog is a dog with an outstanding temperament, who tolerates other animals, wants to visit with people, and loves children. Not only does a therapy dog have to have these traits, but the dog and handler are required to pass a thorough assessment to be certified.

Do you want to know what Buddy and Mr. Brantley had to do to be trusted to work with WLES students? Visit the Therapy Dog International website at <http://www.tdi-dog.org/Default.aspx>.

## What if my child is afraid or has had a bad experience with a dog?

We recognize that there may be members of our school who may be anxious about Buddy joining our school and our class. We plan to assist all students and ensure they feel safe every day. If your child experiences anxiety surrounding dogs, please contact Mr. Brantley: [brantleyd@wl.k12.in.us](mailto:brantleyd@wl.k12.in.us)

## What will Buddy be doing at WLES?

Buddy has been trained in basic obedience as well as different assistance techniques that will help children in a variety of areas, some of which are yet to be determined.

**Academic:** Buddy is a great listener for anyone willing to take time to read him a good book.

**Social/Emotional:** Buddy will be trained to assist students in crisis by laying on or near a student in emotional distress. He is a great listener for anyone that just needs someone to talk to.

**Lifeskills:** Trust, responsibility, friendship, and courage are only four of the lifeskills that Buddy can help us better understand and practice.

**Dog Safety:** Many of our students are not able to have a dog or have not had a relationship with a dog. Buddy is not only a learner, but a teacher. He will teach our students how to approach a strange dog and how to understand basic dog behavior so that everyone stays safe.