



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

08/09/19 Newsletter

**Reading:** *Judy Moody, Mood Martian, Stinky & the Freaky Frog Freakout*

**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 02 (see 2nd page)

**Vocabulary:** Module 01 Week 02 (see 2nd page)

**Math:**

- **Mon.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 35 to 38, Online Check
- **Tues.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 41 to 44, Online Check
- **Wed.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: pg. 47 to 50, Review
- **Thurs.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: Review / Chp. Test
- **Fri.** Chp. 1 - Place Value: Chp. Test

**Science / Social Studies:**

- **Google Classroom: Assignments!!**
  - Readworks: Daily Article (online assignment)
  - Edpuzzle: Video Quiz
  - Writing Assignment: Personal Narrative

**Social Studies/History:** Daily Geography

**Upcoming Events:**

**September 2019**

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

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Hello Parents,

The first full week is done!! We've gotten through a full week of work, quizzes, started projects, read some great stories and met one of the school's therapy dogs that will be in our classroom Fridays. All in all...a very full week!

This week has been a great start to learning the routines and expectations for third grade. Unfortunately we will break from routine next week. As discussed at the parent meeting we have NWEA testing that needs to occur this fall, again in the winter time frame and possibly in the late spring. This will take a few chunks of time throughout the next week or two, but this is some of the important data that will help drive curriculum planning and making sure we don't miss any skill deficits for any student.

Next week I will be out Wednesday. I have Mrs. Kitchel already lined up to sub. She is quite excited to be in my room and meet this class. I will be writing thorough plans for her and I will talk with the class Tuesday about expectations for the following day. I will spend Wednesday moving my daughter (A.K.A Ms. Brantley) to Purdue Fort Wayne where she will begin her college experience studying to be an elementary/special education teacher. The class was very sweet today and jumped at the chance to write a card for her wishing her luck at PFW, telling her that she's going to be a great teacher, and many other kind notes and comments. They really are a nice group of kids in the class.

The first laser projects have started. So far I've "printed" about 5, but have many to go. The project is basic, but already has your child working through several skills on the Chromebooks. Using Google Drawings, using word art and making the letters transparent, adding clipart and then centering or overlapping the images to create something combined. They are already showing off their creative talents.

The first Buddy Friday went well. Both Buddy and the students were excited, but a little apprehensive. Several students seemed especially excited but unsure, while others were just happy he was in the class. I think as both students and Buddy have more visits we will see everyone calm down and get used to each other. Buddy met with one lucky 2nd grader that was nervous about reading...he felt better about reading after petting Buddy. Buddy and I walked a small herd of students to the busses. I think it was a good day.

Have a great weekend! Relax and be ready for a full week ahead!!

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

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# Spelling: Module 01 Week 02

## Pretest Monday, Retest Friday

1. spoke
2. mile
3. save
4. excuse
5. cone
6. invite
7. cube
8. price
9. erase
10. ripe
11. broke

12. flame
13. life
14. rule
15. spent
16. swing
17. class
18. lunch
19. surprise
20. decide
21. clothes
22. strange

### Vocabulary: Module 01 Week 02

\*\*\*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