

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

08-26-16 Newsletter

**Reading:** The Greatest Underachiever by Henry Winkler  
**Focus Skills:** short l and u and commonly misspelled words, subjects and predicates, phrases and clauses

**Spelling Unit:** #3 ( see below) Pretest on Monday, practice for next week. 100% on pretest means no Friday test!

**Wordly Wise:** Lesson 2:

grasp, vessel, jet, scar, feature, cylinder, tentacle, marine, examine, fatal

**Math:**

**Chapter #2 - Addition**

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GLOSS and Ikan assessments (almost done)  
STAR Math (and Reading) this week

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- Coding Starts!!
- First Project

**Upcoming Events:**

- Sept 1st - **School Pictures 3rd grade**
- Sept. 5th - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL :-)

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

Hello Parents,

Another week done and in the books. This was a busy and productive week.

We worked through a great full week of all the basic curricular materials. We also did more team building with clothespins and craft sticks. As the pictures on ClassDojo show the kids had great ideas...not all worked. There were probably more sticks and pins on the floor that standing as a tower...but it was fun. We also enjoyed the thunderstorms. I know that a few kiddos have fears about storms, but I think we convinced most that storms can be cool. We listen to the RF created by the lightning. Unfortunately the storm was short-lived and the lightning wasn't too active. I think a few students took interest. You can accomplish nearly the same thing listening to AM radio during a storm.

Next week should be good. We will continue the final pieces of beginning of the year assessment. This good news, we get to move ahead and get deeper into reading and math groups. We will also learn about the first research project and begin the official coding lessons. Some that have had experience last year in 3rd grade are already started with a couple options, but we will all come together for a few of the foundation lessons...then student get to work at their own pace and interest. [http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2001/ast19jan\\_1/](http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2001/ast19jan_1/)

Make sure to check out the new assignments page on the class website. This is intended to keep everyone (your kids and me) on task and making consistent progress. This will be very similar to what the students will write into their planners. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/assignments.html>

I'm looking forward to another full week before we have a little break.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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## Spelling Unit #3 - LIST!!!

Pretest Monday...Posttest on Friday

1. page

2. cents

3. large

4. sometimes

5. orange

6. silly

7. center

8. jam

9. pencil

10. joke

11. circus

12. jeans

13. circle

14. jelly

15. bandage

16. vegetables

17. journey

18. concert

19. until

20. idea

21. near

