

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

08-28-15 Newsletter

**Reading:** "The World's 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!

**Vocabulary: (Review)** action, difference, gift, kindness, need, problem, receive, solution, understand, value, want

**Math:**

**Benchmark tests complete...**

**Topic #1 - EVERYONE - pretest...then differentiation**

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Topic #1 - Place Value - Quiz Friday Sept. 4th

Topic #2 - Addition - Pretesting soon

Topic #3 - Subtraction - Pretesting soon

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- TinkerCAD
- First project directions on Monday

**Upcoming Events:**

- Math Topic #1 Quiz - Friday Sept. 4th
- Sept 7th - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL :-)

Hello Parents,

Another week flies by!! It's strange, but wasn't yesterday Monday?!

We are still working through reading assessment. Everyone is working great through Google Classroom assignments, National Geographic, and completing the daily stuff. We are nearing the time that we will start reading circles. This is a fun time...I have some great books that I hope everyone will enjoy.

Next week I hope to make some great headway in finishing the very long process of reading assessment.

We have begun the cutting for a fun challenge. Last year Mrs. Bowers issued a challenge to me and my class. To build a device that will hurl a pumpkin (5-7in...small) about 100ft. This was mentioned during the parent meeting...if you remember. So, we have begun the process of building our classroom trebuchet. Everyone got a chance to have hands on experience with a little sawing. We used a hand saw and applied every safety measure. They saw how the typical american saw cuts on the push, not the pull, and today's 2x4 was damp and cut much slower than yesterday's....wet wood isn't as easy to cut.

We are dragging along through our first math topic. You may notice that there is a Quiz/Test on the upcoming events as well as in the math section. This is to keep parents aware that we are moving along and will be assessing what we learned. I know that several students have done great work at home. Apparently the Pearson SuccessNET website has crashed and I know that last night as well as all day today students have been unable to access their quizzes and make progress in the assignments. PLEASE KEEP CALM...this too will pass and we will move on. There is plenty of time next week :-)

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