

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09-04-15 Newsletter

**Reading:** "Making a Difference" by Phillip Kennedy  
**Focus Skills:** words with diagraphs ch, tch, and commonly misspelled words, subject-verb agreement, compound subjects, and more subjects and predicates

**Spelling Unit:** #4 ( see below) Pretest on Tuesday, practice for next week. 100% on pretest means no Friday test!

**Vocabulary: (new)** benefit, duty, identity, impact, improve, individual, learn, neighborhood, offer, volunteer

## Science / Social Studies:

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- TinkerCAD
- Medallion project directions on Tuesday

## Math:

**Hopefully continuing The Number Devil**

**Topic #1 Test done...retakes will be next week**

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Topic #2 - Addition - Pretest Tuesday

Topic #3 - Subtraction - Pretesting soon

## Upcoming Events:

- Sept 7th - Labor Day - NO SCHOOL :-)
- Sept. 7-11 Canons, Catapults & Trebuchets Due

Hello Parents,

Concerns have been shared...when are assignments due? Where are assignments listed/assigned? What the heck is my kiddo supposed to be working on?

I have added a couple items and want to share with parents (kids already knew...but may have not known to share). I maintain a classroom calendar and have added some other resources to try and keep everyone (parents and kiddos) up to date on assignments and projects.

Classroom Calendar: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/calendar.html>

Assignments page: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/assignments.html>

I will try to be diligent about keeping the upcoming assignments, projects, and other important information on the calendar. I will add due dates to the assignments document as new assignments are assigned.

We have wrapped up math Topic #1. Some may want or really need to take the retake test option. I will ask that they NOT take a retest at home. This has less to do with trust as much as it has to do with helping them review their mistakes and move forward to hopefully a better test.

If everything goes as planned, I am hoping to actually begin reading groups and literacy circles next week. I want everyone to read comfortably and focus on reading with inflection and personality. I am looking for each child to tell a story...not just read the words off the page. It's in this process that I hope to develop readers that can feel the excitement in a story and relish in the suspense and intensity of a good author.

With a short week ahead we will have a few challenges. Spelling will continue as normal...but that's one less day to study. I will shorten the Google Classroom assignments, but National Geographic will be as normal. It'll be a bit chaotic on Tuesday...but four days will be enough...with help from home.

Have a WONDERFUL LONG weekend...REST!!

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## Spelling Unit #4 - LIST!!!

Pretest Monday...Posttest on Friday

1. friends

2. inches

3. brushes

4. fixes

5. flies

6. tries

7. pennies

8. crackers

9. marches

10. stitches

11. rushes

12. mixes

13. ladies

14. parties

15. wasps

16. companies

17. mailboxes

18. batteries