

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09-11-15 Newsletter

Reading: "When the Pigs Took Over" by Arthur Dorros
Focus Skills:
Spelling Unit: #5 (see below) Pretest on Tuesday, practice for next week. 100% on pretest means no Friday test!

Vocabulary: (new) amount, balance, behavior, control, decrease, increase, interact, react, scarce, supply

Science / Social Studies:

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

Math:
Still hoping to continue The Number Devil

Topic #2 - Addition - Pretest Tuesday
Topic #3 - Subtraction - Pretesting soon
Others working at their own pace...

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 7-11 Canons, Catapults & Trebuchets Due

Hello Parents,

Four days always feels like so much more! We have tried to cram 5 days into 4...always a busy feat.

Reading groups have begun. You may notice that everyone is reading a Magic Treehouse. I know the level of these books and choose them on purpose. These serve as great beginning reading group books for reading aloud. I want an easy book for the kids to develop their reader voices. We are focussed on reading with inflection and personality. This is easier if the reading level is not a challenge. Everyone is expected to be responsible for their reading group book. They are ALSO responsible for keeping an independent reading book. This is a book of their choice. Each reading group we will read the group book and then everyone is expected to share independent reader. This splits our reading group into both shared reading and literacy circle. I love reading and relish in a good story. I will be pushing everyone to read as much as possible. This is also a great help towards the 5 book projects due each grading period.

Today (Friday) the Sumdog competition began. If you haven't heard about this competition, then let me explain. Sumdog is a math game website. We have entered into a friendly contest with other schools in the Wabash Valley education area. There are two other Cumberland classrooms that have entered as well. Every has been assessed and will be challenged at their level. This something a little different, but it adds a little competition and incentive to push math. I hope that most if not all will have some fun. Sumdog has built it several incentives by creating a virtual pet world.

Next week we will be continuing the great project presentations. I hope that those that weren't able to get research and projects finished can get them in Monday (hint, hint). I hate to start the year marking assignments late...but that too is a learning lesson.

Next week should be a great full week. We will continue with reading groups, everyone will be working through their math assignments, and it will be good!

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

Have a WONDERFUL LONG weekend...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #4 - LIST!!!

Pretest Monday...Posttest on Friday

1. started

2. starting

3. smiled

4. smiling

5. cried

6. crying

7. planned

8. planning

9. hoped

10. hoping

11. fried

12. frying

13. hopped

14. hopping

15. amazed

16. dragged

17. amazing

18. dragging