

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09-16-16 Newsletter

Reading: "Animals, More or Less" by Mike Thaler...and other Mike Thaler books - ...tales from the Black Lagoon
Indonesia's Rain Forests, John Muir, Meet Jane Goodall, Animals in Danger

Focus Skills: riddles, discuss word meanings, make connections

Spelling Unit: #6 Friday test ONLY - Review Unit

Wordly Wise: Lesson 3: **Review & Practice:** ambition, auction, coast, current, frail, intelligent, novel, resident, starve, volunteer

Math:

Chapter #3 - Subtraction

- Monday: in class pgs 127-128, 133-138
- Tuesday: pgs 139-144
- Wednesday: pgs 145-150
- Thursday: pgs 151-158
- Friday: pgs 159-164

Science / Social Studies:

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- Coding: Course 2 - Mazes, Loops, etc
- First Project: Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchets!!! **Due 9/23**

Upcoming Events:

SEPTEMBER:

- Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchets project **DUE**

OCTOBER:

- Wed. 12 First Nine-Week Grading Period Ends (44 days)
- Thurs. 13 Second Nine-Week Grading Period Begins
- Fri. 28 Fall Break, Mon. 31 Fall Break

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

Hello Parents,

The weeks are FLYING by and we so busy. This week has been great! The Sumdog competition has really driven this class to work hard in math. I would like to continue using Sumdog...I **was prepared to write a plea for support for continuing Sumdog with subscriptions this school year. But, with the generosity of you parents...that is no longer necessary. A few very generous parents already helped with more than enough to get everyone in the class a subscription for the next full year. I made that phone call this afternoon. I recycled some old subscriptions for the class to experience the full features of Sumdog through this weekend...but now that will not end until September 18 of 2017.**

Thank you Parents!!!

Cannons, catapults and trebuchets....one of my favorite projects. We begin with research. Each student researches and completes the mini-research form about their topic...the one they drew from the hat. The students will be graded using a rubric:

http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/uploads/7/0/9/5/7095917/siege_device_rubric.pdf PLEASE check out the site for reference and guidelines for where the grading is focussed. After the research reports are all turned in we will work on completing slideshows about the researched topics. Finally we will make the connection from history to science and study the basic physics of each device. This leads us up to the 2016 Punkin Chunkin competition.

It's going to be a busy fall. Each week we will be working on daily core materials, reading and projects. PLEASE check email and ClassDojo for updates and information. I will try to keep the assignments page and calendar updated with due dates and assignment details.

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

BOOK PROJECTS:

There are 5 projects due each grading period. That means that there will be 5 due by October 12th. If you are looking for guidelines and expectations: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html> These books projects can be ANY book your child wishes to read or even have read to them. If you read a book, or share read a book...this can be a book project book. I'm starting to see more and more projects. I like the creativity and great information.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #6 - REVIEW LIST!!!

Test on Friday **ONLY**

1. bank	13. rich	25. orange
2. dragon	14. ring	26. silly
3. dream	15. shadow	27. crackers
4. drink	16. smash	28. fixes
5. gift	17. something	29. flies
6. left	18. tooth	30. friends
7. scared	19. center 20.	31. inches
8. scarf	cents	32. ladies
9. thank	21. circus	33. pennies
10. long	22. jam	34. crying
11. morning 12.	23. jelly	35. smiling
mother	24. large	