

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09-18-15 Newsletter

**Reading:** "Animals, More or Less" by Mike Thaler  
**Focus Skills:** words with diagraphs ck, sh and commonly misspelled words, kinds of sentences, syllables  
**Spelling Unit: #6** ( see below) Pretest on Tuesday, practice for next week. 100% on pretest means no Friday test!

**Vocabulary: (REVIEW)** 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**

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Topic #3 - Subtraction - Pretesting  
Others working at their own pace...

### Upcoming Events:

- Friday Sept. 25 - FAMILY MATH NIGHT!!! 6:15-8:15
- Friday Sept. 25 - BOOK FAIR NIGHT!!!

Hello Parents,

Well this week flew by...wow! We hit the ground running Monday with everyone trying to work through their core materials and get to SumDog. Tuesday was a blur of reading groups and everyone working working working and getting onto SumDog. Wednesday (are you sensing a theme??). This week was great, productive and filled with conversations about math concepts, challenges, percentages, quick chart math, and a sense of classroom team bonding as we all worked together on accuracy toward accruing points for SumDog. Sometimes a little competition is good. The class has been supportive of each other, met every challenge, and learned a little along the way.

In other news...it was a busy week! We did work on making adjustments to the class trebuchet. We even got it out for a test throw. Then we broke it...so back to the drawing board. The class had several ideas on redesign and strengthening the pivot connection. This will be a project for the weekend...at least the trip to Menards.

We WON!!! Last night the final score was 713 on SumDog!! I am so proud of the class. This earned them all free subscriptions for a year from SumDog. This will give us so pretty cool opportunities for using SumDog throughout the year. I will also be able to collect even better data and assign specific skills with the Premium membership. Mrs. Bower came in to pass on congratulations and everyone got gold coins to add to our classroom count. Also if you are down Cumberland Ave. you might see this on the sign.....



Next week should be a great week. We will be working, *finally*, on TinkerCAD as a focus. This will lead up to the first project that the class will be printing on the 3d printers. We will also be talking more and more about Code.org and the use of coding. Today (Friday) was our first activity on debugging. The challenge was to relay program a graph paper code...this resulted in several mistakes and students realizing that coding is fun, but requires focus.

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

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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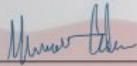
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**In recognition of:** Daily Winner

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**On the:** September 11, 2015



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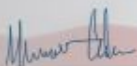
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## Spelling Unit #6 - LIST!!!

Unit #6 is Review...Friday test **ONLY**

1. bank

2. dragon

3. dream

4. drink

5. gift

6. left

7. scared

8. scarf

9. thank

10. long

11. morning

12. mother

13. rich

14. ring

15. shadow

16. smash

17. something

18. tooth

19. center

20. cents

21. circus

22. jam

23. jelly

24. large

25. orange

26. silly

27. crackers

28. fixes

29. flies

30. friends

31. inches

32. ladies

33. pennies

34. crying

35. smiling