

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09-25-15 Newsletter

**Reading:** "When the Wolves Returned" by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent

**Focus Skills:**

**Spelling Unit:** #7 ( see below)

**Vocabulary: (NEW)** competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature, negative, positive, resources, river

**Math:**

**...Oh how I wish there was time for The Number Devil**

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Students working at their own pace...  
Sumdog, FrontrowEd

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- TinkerCAD
- Medallion project due Tuesday
- Minecraft...perimeter and area

**Upcoming Events:**

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

Hello Parents,

Sometimes 5 days is just too short!! We've cruised through the in class lessons on TinkerCAD. This was a much better plan and relieved stress. I think that this class responds much better to slightly more directed lessons.

Nearly everyone has completed their design and document for their first TinkerCAD assignment. Once the document is completed and turned in I only need to know what color each students wants. The completed medallions look great! There are some very creative minds in this class.

We have enjoyed the premium membership on Sumdog that the class won last week. Being the overall winner has been a great accomplishment and a huge boost to the confidence for many. Many that didn't quite believe that they were good in mathematics are now drawn to Sumdog daily. This is cool....math, because math is fun!!

Next week we get started with MinecraftEDU. Perimeter, area, and more. Minecraft offers a very different...albeit FUN way to approach a few aspects of measurement and geometry. This will lead us to some great projects. MinecraftEDU opens up opportunities that students wouldn't usually have. We will have fun, create, destroy, and more. This is just the beginning.

We should also have begun to use Khan Academy. I have set up the class and will use this for remediation as well as enrichment. As students find frustration I will try to reteach, but also utilize the resources on Khan Academy to help. Students looking for more advanced math challenges will also have opportunities. Khan academy has so many embedded videos to allow for independent learners to get help and move forward.

It's a busy time of year...for all of us. Please try to take time and visit the book fair with your child, or check out the school book fair page ([Book fair link](#)). I hope to see several of you tonight (Friday) at the school math night. Lots of fun games, and the book fair will be open!!

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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## Spelling Unit #7 - LIST!!!

Back to normal...Pretest Monday...Post test Friday

1. smell

2. then

3. together

4. getting

5. head

6. ready

7. instead

8. fresh

9. spelling

10. else

11. breakfast

12. dead

13. feather

14. bread

15. arrest

16. pretend

17. heavier

18. jealous

### NG Vocabulary 2-2

- Sentences in class
- Quizzes and online games (SpellingCity)

competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature, negative, positive, resources, river