



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

<https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/>

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

08/28/20 Newsletter

**Reading:** Scaredy Squirrel

**Focus Skills:** Determine how the author uses words and phrases to provide meaning to works of literature, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language, including figurative language (e.g., similes). Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers. Retell folktales, fables, and tall tales from diverse cultures; identify the themes in these works. Use terms such as chapter, scene, and stanza to refer to the parts of stories, plays, and poems; describe how each successive part builds on earlier sections. Distinguish personal point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters. Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the plot. Usage – Writing correctly complete simple, compound, and complex declarative, interrogative, imperative, and exclamatory sentences, using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions (e.g., and, for, but, or). Demonstrate command of English grammar and usage.

**Spelling Unit:** Module 01, Wk 02...(see 2nd page)

**Vocabulary:** Module 01, Wk 02...(see 2nd page)

**Math: Chapter 1: Place Value**

\* **Mon.**

\* **Tues.** Chp. 1 pgs. 47-50 Review & Online Review

\* **Wed.** Chp. 1 Test

\* **Thurs** Chp 1 Test

\* **Fri.** Chp. 2 Am I Ready



...then starting



**Science / Social Studies:**

- Maps Skills
- Studies Weekly - Week 3 - Basic World Geography

**Enrichment/Project Work:**

- TinkerCAD - lesson 1-9 (posted in Google Classroom)

**Upcoming Events:**

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

W 2 eLearning (no students in school)

M 7 **Labor Day - No School**

W 16 eLearning (no students in school)

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Hello Parents!

WOW...what a week! We really had a busy week this week. We were productive...actually crazy productive, but I feel like we just ran through ten days...but it was five. Woof...tired, but very happy with the class. They stuck with the workload and didn't quit. Some got a little tired and fell behind, but when asked, they found their focus and worked well.

Next week will be a short week. NO SCHOOL MONDAY!! That means four days. I'm always exhausted after four day weeks...probably because I still have five days of work I need to complete...but I won't push the class beyond their limits. We will be busy, but I hope for a productive week. One exciting project is the start to 3D printing! Several students have worked through the prerequisite nine lessons, and Tuesday will be starting on the first of what I hope will be many 3D projects. This is always a fun time ans we work on CAD terminology and learn the tricks and tips about making objects. I am also planning to utilize TinkerCAD for some laser design projects. With the ability to save as SVG, this allows great creation possibilities!

We will have spelling next week. See below for words to study.

I clearly missed planning the parent meeting Question and Answer Zoom. I will plan to hold this Tuesday Sept. 8th from 4:30 to 5:30. It is NOT mandatory, but an option for any parent with questions, ideas, or comments to share for the good of the classroom. This can also be a good time to meet and greet, especially since we are unable to meet in person. I will share the Zoom link this weekend.

PS. Book Project tutorial ...so a brief explanation to the students Friday, but a more complete video tutorial coming this weekend.

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 2ND grading period. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

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# Spelling: Module 01 **Week 03**

**Pretest Monday, Retest Friday!!!**

1. lay
2. real
3. trail
4. sweet
5. today
6. dream
7. sleep
8. tea
9. treat
10. afraid
11. leave

12. bait
13. speed
14. lead
15. erase
16. invite
17. excuse
18. spoke
19. flavor
20. even
21. between
22. pavement

## **Vocabulary:** Module 01 Week 03

\*\*\*These words will NOT be on spelling, but will be used for meaning and sentence creation\*\*\*

### **BIG IDEA WORDS**

individuality  
unique  
feature  
personality

### **HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

shall  
wide  
kept  
ride

### **CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

venturing  
predictable  
emergency  
consult  
distract  
drastic

### **INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

background knowledge  
evidence  
experience  
inference  
narrator  
point of view  
graphic feature  
bold text  
text feature  
type  
moral  
theme  
topic