



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09/10/21 - Newsletter

Reading: Scaredy Squirrel - part II

After a busy four days this past week...we head into another busy four days! Students will have one primary assignment for reading...Scaredy Squirrel. Several students started their planning and drafts, a couple have started working on the changes in their book. This week (M_Th) we put our focus on the work and changes to make a new story out of an existing story. Starting Monday students will be allowed and encouraged to bring home their reading book to continue work. The model we are loosely following is the book Battle Bunny ([see link](#)). I have encouraged students to use their own ideas...nonviolent, to create their new story.

Math: Chapter 2: Addition

- **Mon.** Chp 2 work - Properties, Terminology
- **Tues.** Chp. 2 - Classwork and Enrichment
- **Wed.** Chp. 2 - Classwork and Enrichment
- **Thurs** Chp. 2 - Classwork and Enrichment
- **Fri.** **NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**



Science / Social Studies:

- Maps Skills, Scholastic News
- Weather Journal (version#2...)

Enrichment/Project Work:

- TinkerCAD - Medallions, Pens...and maybe project #3
- Programming: LightBot, Code.org and Scratch.mit.edu

Upcoming Events:

SEPTEMBER 2021

M 6 Labor Day - No School

F 17 Professional Staff Day (staff only)
(no school for students)

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Hello Parents,

We again are headed to another 4-day student week!! Yikes...back to back. We have had a busy and very productive week....very busy week!! This has actually been a topic of discussion with some parents and today with the class. Feelings of panic, overwhelmedness and sometimes just worried about assignments, projects, priority of work and organization are a few of the worries I am hearing about. There is a balance that I am trying to reach with the class. Some of the balance is a result of my assigning varying amounts of work and how we time the projects and other activities. Some of the balance has more to do with students finding their groove with regards to organizing themselves, realizing that I have several visual cues for prioritizing work and asking questions. I certainly don't want any student or parent to feel like there is a need to panic. We are barely halfway through the first nine weeks and I figure we are just this week starting to fall into better balance, students feeling more like they know what to expect, and generally feeling a little more used to being at school. If there is anything I've been focussed on, it's been helping student develop solid routines, keeping spirits up while also pushing some through work that I know they can complete, and sharing the great possibilities of what this year can be.

Next week students are here Monday to Thursday...Friday is NO SCHOOL for students!! That means another 4-day week and the mad dash to Thursday...at least we get to have Art on Monday! The primary focus, reading/project-wise will be the Scaredy Squirrel story rewrite. I will be carving out significant blocks of time for students to work on their story rewrite. If they use their time wisely and don't waste time chatting or sneaking around on their Chromebooks this should be great work time and likely enough for most to complete the project next week. I will also be working with the remaining students to complete medallions, get their pens designed, helping with MinecraftEDU spreadsheets and perimeter projects, and working on photo stop motion. The digital stop motion clips have been AMAZING!! This class has really taken to the creative and technical side of work on small movements and realistic designs for making short films. I cannot wait for the photo-based stop motion to start. "Stop Motion Animator" is the app on Chrome that we use...it's easy, allows for basic onion-skinning, and makes fantastic short films. It's been too long since I added stop motion films to my website...this is the year!! <https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/stop-motion-films.html>

BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 1st grading period. 5 due by October 14.

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Vocabulary: Module 02 Week 02

Because we are continuing with the Scaredy Squirrel project we will NOT have new vocabulary. We will read the story Dear Primo and review the words from this last week. No vocab assignment this week!!

BIG IDEA WORDS

express
convey
chronicle
creative

CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS

video
hydrant
block
costumes
march

These CRITICAL VOCABULARY Words are the words we will use in our etymology and meaning study

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

believe
happy
love
felt

INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY

graphic feature
text feature
type
event
retell
narrator
point of view
ellipses
label
character
literary elements
plot
setting