



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

09/16/21 - Newsletter

**Reading:** We are nearing the end of Scaredy Squirrel!! The "Due Date" is next Tuesday...but I suspect most are going to have it all done and recorded before then. It's been a tough project for some...the fear to start and the challenge of rewriting has been good!!

Next week we also wrap up a little reading assessment for fluency and move into groups. I hope to start groups and use the Kindles for students to pull down some reading by theme/genre.

We will likely return to vocabulary and the MyBook story: *Adventures with Words & The Upside Down Boy*

**Math: Chapter 2: Addition & Properties**

- **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.** Chp. 2 - Classwork and Enrichment



**Science / Social Studies:**

- Maps Skills, Scholastic News
- Weather Journal, New focus...World Weather Watch!!

**Enrichment/Project Work:**

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

**Upcoming Events:**

**OCTOBER 2021**

Th	14	First Nine-Week Grading Period Ends (45 days)
F	15	Fall Break
M	18	Fall Break
T	19	Second Nine-Week Grading Period Begins

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Hello Parents,

A full week!! I can't believe it...I'm so excited!! Next week is a full 5 day week!!

We are back to a full week, that means all the specials, and all the time to work that we need!! We will wrap up the Scaredy Squirrel stories early in the week, then move onto the research for Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchets. Here is the link with information about the research paper, the project expectations and some examples of past student work: <https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/cannons-catapults-trebuchets.html> This will lead into some science demonstrations, a few experiments and potentially the next 3D printing project.

The one item about the research and visual component for Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchets...the requirement is a visual piece...that DOESN'T mean it has to be a working model. Your child will likely want to building something...but I promise we will have hands on nearly all three in class and students don't have to build to get any extra points. That said...if you love to build and that sounds fun...enjoy!!

We are all working on projects. The latest research project, Stop motion using Google Slides, Stop Motion using webcam, MinecraftEDU and more. This is pretty normal for my classroom. There's always something to do...that keeps us all busy and it keeps things interesting. The varying conversations and discussions are the best. Today one pocket of students was pretty focussed on two tropical storm situations. First is the most recent tropical depression in the Atlantic, the second is the Typhoon Chanthu that looks to strike Japan this weekend. Ventusky has become a favorite weather monitoring tool for several students. They track and enjoy the indicators of weather/wind patterns, surface ocean temps, and more information to guide them towards predictions.

Enjoy the 3-day week and make sure your student gets some good rest. For those that brought home their MyBook to finish up Scaredy Squirrel...please help them find a little time and get it done. They should also have the directions to log into ClassDojo as a student so they can record.

See everyone Monday!!!

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

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Vocabulary: Module 02 Week 02

**BIG IDEA WORDS**

express  
convey  
chronicle  
creative

**CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

desires  
entry  
steep  
speed  
breezy  
conductor

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

**HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

wish  
sign  
care  
blue

**INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

clarify  
prediction  
acrostic poetry  
elements of poetry  
rhyme  
rhyme scheme  
sound device  
stanza  
figurative  
language  
literal language  
metaphor  
simile  
bold text  
graphic feature  
italic text  
punctuation  
text feature