



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

10/25/19 Newsletter

**Reading:** Two Bear Cubs

**Focus Skills:** Ideas and Support, Visualize, Elements of Drama, Literary Elements, Figurative Language, Decoding: Vowel au, aw, al, o, Spelling: Vowel Sound in talk, Fluency: Reading Rate, Spiral Review: Suffixes -er/-or "one who...", Latin roots aud, vis, Spiral Review: Suffixes -er / -or "one who", Narrative Writing - Story

**Vocabulary:** Shades of Meaning, Prefixes in- (not), im- (into), Spiral Review: Prefix im- (not)

**Writing:** Narrative Writing - Story

**Spelling Unit:** Module 04 Week 02 (see 2nd page)

**Vocabulary:** Module 04 Week 02 (see 2nd page)

**Math: Chapter 5 - Understand Division**

- **Mon.** Chp. 5 - pgs. 245-248
- **Tues.** Chp. 5 - pgs. 251-254
- **Wed.** Chp. 5 - pgs. 257-260
- **Thurs** Chp. 5 - pgs. 263-264
- **Fri.** Chp. 5 - pgs. 265-268

**Division** is an operation with two numbers. One number tells you how many items you have. The other tells you how many equal shares, or groups, to form or how many to put in each group.

$$10 \div 5 = 2$$

Read  $\div$  as *divided by*.  
10 divided by 5 = 2.

**Science / Social Studies:**

- **Google Classroom: Assignments!!**
  - Readworks: Daily Article (online assignment)

**Social Studies/History:** Daily Geography

**Upcoming Events:**

*November 2019*

- 27-29 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

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Hello Parents!

Wow!!! What a great week! Tuesday's trip to Oak Hill Farm was great! We had some fun, learned a little and got to spend a fun day outside enjoying the great weather! We have worked hard in the classroom getting work done on two projects. MinecraftEDU has been a focussed project on area and volume. This is similar to the perimeter lesson, but modeling two area designs and two volume designs. This is the last skill project before we dive into the biggest MinecraftEDU of the year!

We are building trebuchets...eight of them. Teams are building kits from Pitsco([https://www.pitsco.com/Trebuchet\\_Kits](https://www.pitsco.com/Trebuchet_Kits)). These will be fun and we get to have a little competition. First it's a contest to see who can beat the teacher. Then we go for best distance. Winner gets the first classroom trebuchet medallion. This is a new project...and new classroom contest (exciting!!!).

We wrap up the week with a little celebration of Buddy turning two years old. He's the youngest therapy dog in the building...and still looks like an old man.

It's been a great week. I look forward to another great week with project work, trebuchet testing and a contest and possibly a start on the next 3D printing project.

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 2ND grading period. 5 due by DEC. 19th.**

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# Spelling: Module 04 Week 03

**Pretest Tuesday, Retest Friday!!!**

1. talk
2. cross
3. awful
4. law
5. cloth
6. cost
7. crawl
8. chalk
9. also
10. raw
11. salt

12. wall
13. lawn
14. always
15. thousand
16. powder
17. blouse
18. frown
19. squawk
20. haunt
21. stalk
22. sauce

## **Vocabulary:** Module 04 Week 03

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

### **BIG IDEA WORDS**

audition  
rehearse  
ability  
actor

### **CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

greedily  
hesitation  
burden  
unnoticed  
drowsy  
reassuring

### **HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

whether  
simple  
divided

### **INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

clarify  
monitor  
act  
cast of characters  
dialogue  
drama  
scene  
script  
stage direction  
conflict  
event  
literary elements  
plot  
resolution  
moral  
theme  
topic