

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

10-28-15 Newsletter

Reading: "Rosie's Reports" by Rosie Ruf
Focus Skills: plurals formed with -s, -es; and commonly misspelled words, plural nouns
Spelling Unit: #12 (see below)
Vocabulary: (3-1 REVIEW) blossom, characteristic, conditions, cycle, depend, growth, produce, root, seed, soil, sprout, city, desert, diversity, environment, organism, protect, rainforest, unique, vine, weed

Math:
WILL be making time for: The Number Devil

Grading period goal - Topics #5 to #10
Students working at their own pace...

Khan Academy, Sumdog, FrontrowEd, Xtramath, ThatQuiz

Science / Social Studies:

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- TinkerCAD - looking at aerodynamics
- Minecraft...Square Footage/Budget Home...
 - LONG TERM PROJECT - due Nov. 24th

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 29th and 30th - FALL BREAK
- 5 Book Projects Due by Dec. 18th
- Quizzes NEED to be caught up
- Assignments NEED to be turned in

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Hello Parents,

Three days...three crazy fast days...week of Halloween and a full moon...rainy days and indoor recess...A LITTLE CRAZY THIS WEEK!!!

We did however get some good work done. Several long work sessions on MinecraftEDU were great for students. There were some modifications to the grading options. I have rewritten portions of the grading rubric and offered two options to the class. Points are still the same...but the focuses are slightly different. They can continue with counting and recording blocks for a goal of building for under \$60k or they can opt out of counting and recording in exchange for an increased element of realism. This reduces some of the work load and possibly shortens this assignment by days...many days.

We have continued with Code.org onto course three. This will continue with the same pattern of programming, but with increased difficulty and challenge. They will be working more on the functions and loops, they will be working with nested loops, and they will be working on "while" loops that incorporate conditional statements. This is amazing practice and will be great logical problem solving for them. I have also introduced several students to alternative programming games. The first is CodeCombat. This is a Dungeons and Dragons style of adventure where they program in Python. This is an action based game similar to role playing games...but filled with programming fun! I will be sharing more options as the year progresses.

We talked today about late assignments. I have been discussing the NEED to turn in ALL assignments. We discussed late assignments and how there is a penalty to turning in late work. There are exceptions (illness, surgery, etc.). The current classroom plan is a 20% deduction for late assignments...but that still beats a zero.

I hope that EVERYONE will enjoy or at least rest through this four day weekend. I've heard about several travel plans...be safe traveling families. For those staying in the area...have a wonderful relaxing break!!

Classroom Calendar: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/calendar.html>
Assignments page: <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/assignments.html>

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

Spelling Unit #12 - LIST!!!

Friday test ONLY...Review Unit

1. breakfast	10. city	19. began	28. his
2. fresh	11. even	20. camping	29. my
3. getting	12. lucky	21. math	30. picnic
4. instead	13. many	22. today	31. sky
5. ready	14. secret	23. ago	32. visit
6. smell	15. video	24. coat	33. why
7. spelling	16. week	25. load	34. winter
8. together	17. afraid	26. road	35. with
9. asleep	18. and	27. fly	

NG Vocabulary 3-4 *Review...end of Unit*

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

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