



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

10/02/20 - Newsletter

Stories:

**American Places, American Ideals**

- \* Text & Graphic Features

**The U.S. Consitution**

- \* Synthesize, Central Idea, Text Structure, Text & Graphic Features

Foundational Skills:

- \* Decoding: 3-Letter Blends (spl, scr, spr, squ, str)
- \* Spelling, Three-Letter Blends, Fluency: Reading Rate

Vocabulary:

- \* Multiple Meaning Words, Suffixes -y, -less; Prefix dis-, Suffixes -y, -ly

Writing:

- \* Descriptive Essay

**Math: Chapter 2: Addition**

- \* **Mon.** Chp. 2 Review and Prep for Test
- \* **Tues.** Chp. 2 Test
- \* **Wed.** Chp. 3. pgs. 127-128 Am I Ready
- \* **Thurs** Chp. 3. pgs. 133-136 Subtract Mentally
- \* **Fri.** Chp. 3. pgs. 139-142 Estimate Differences



**Science / Social Studies:**

- Studies Weekly - Week 7 - American Indian Communities
- **Enrichment/Project Work:** Stop Motion
- TinkerCAD - design and print medallions & pens...next project??

**Upcoming Events:**

**OCTOBER 2020**

- Th** 15 End of First Nine-Week Grading Period (41 days)
- F** 16 Fall Break
- M** 19 Second Nine-Week Grading Period Begins

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Hello Parents!

It's Friday...it feels like fall...there's boys tennis sectionals finishing and there's a home game for WL Football!!! It's a great day!!

In class we had a very busy and VERY productive day. It was a full day and we had a lesson with Mrs. DeWitt (school counselor). This was a great lesson as she reviewed the Zones of Regulation and discussed the SIZE of problems. The timing on this was nearly perfect, as we have struggled some this week with worrying about small things and ignoring big things. Being 8-10 years old is tough...managing so much at school and keeping your cool all day long...tough stuff.

Today we continued work on all our daily core materials...then we had some fun. Many students worked on their stop motion slideshows, some have been finishing up the recordings for Scaredy Squirrel and others were wrapping up designs for medallions and pens. We were busy. As I type this I have two 3D printers running so that projects are done and will be waiting on desks Monday.

We got our upgraded Chromebooks!! For a few students this happened at the perfect time! Today we had more keys popping off and students finding themselves frustrated and trying to remember what the missing keyboard key was...was it a "n" or a "u"... No worries anymore, we start Monday with new Lenovo Chromebooks that look nice and I hope will be Lenovo tough!

We welcome a new face Monday. The class is waiting with excitement for our new student. This is always exciting for the class...but I know can be a bit intimidating for a new student. I hope to help with a smooth transition to our classroom and hope that we all make a positive impression!

Have a fantastic weekend! Enjoy the cool temps, I'm probably winterizing my lawn before the rain expected on Sunday. Next week looks like we might see a few days of slightly warmer temps...but I suspect that will be short lived.

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due by Oct. 15th. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

# Spelling: Module 03 Week 01

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

1. splash
2. strange
3. scratch
4. squeeze
5. squeak
6. squeal
7. screen
8. split
9. splat
10. sprain
11. sprint

12. strip
13. strap
14. scrap
15. easy
16. eighteen
17. elbow
18. program
19. straddle
20. splurge
21. scrawl
22. squirrel

## Vocabulary: Module 03 Week 01

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

### **BIG IDEA WORDS**

loyal  
sovereignty  
democracy  
civic

### **CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

convention  
delegates  
domestic  
welfare  
posterity  
tranquility

### **HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

region  
Europe  
moon  
village

### **INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

heading  
map  
symbol  
synthesize  
central idea  
detail  
evidence  
organization  
text structure  
label  
sidebar  
subsection  
text feature