



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

10/30/20 - Newsletter

Stories:

The Traveling Trio

- * Retell/Summarize, Media Techniques,

Gigi and the Wishing Ring

- * Retell/Summarize, Elements of Drama, Theme

Foundational Skills:

- * Decoding: Vowel Diphthongs ow, ou, Spelling: Vowel Sound in town
- * Fluency: Intonation

Vocabulary:

- * Shades of Meaning, Suffixes -er/-or "one who...", Spiral Review: Prefixes in- (not), im- (into)

Math: Chapter 4: Multiplication

- * **Mon.** Chp. 4 pgs. 211- 214 Arrays & Multiplication
- * **Tues.** Chp. 4 pgs. 21-218 Check my Progress
- * **Wed.** Chp. 4 pgs. 219-222 Prob. Solving
- * **Thurs** Chp. 4 pgs. 225-228 Combinations
- * **Fri.** Chp. 4 pgs. 231-234 Review!!



Science / Social Studies:

- Studies Weekly - Week 11 - Economics
- **Enrichment/Project Work:** Stop Motion, Hero/Villain Rings, and Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchets...

Upcoming Events:

NOVEMBER 2020
W 25 Thanksgiving Holiday – No school
Th 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school
F 27 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school

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Hello Parents!

It's been a busy and exciting week! We have done good work, kicked off two new projects and entered a math contest!!

The class has started into two projects. The first is a writing project that will conclude with a 3D printing project. This is the Hero/Villain signet ring project. This is a relatively new project in my classroom...just a few years in now, but becoming one of the all time favorites for many. I look forward to some creatively created characters (heroes or villains) that then have a symbol that we can create on a ring. The crazy part is how this will make an impression in silly putty...like a signet ring!!

<https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/signet-ring-project.html>

The second new project, that also had packets come home, is the Cannons, Catapults and Trebuchet project. This is based on three of the devices used in the annual Punkin Chunkin contest. <https://www.punkinchunkin.com/> We will research then share visual elements. This is an exciting project, one that EVERYONE wants to build their own device...so I hope that the pressure at home to build isn't too terrible! If you need help or ideas for designs...contact me.

<https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/cannons-catapults-trebuchets.html>

The last, but not least, exciting part of the week is the SumDog US National Math contest. SumDog is actually a pretty good math game site...different from Prodigy...better. We are competing for the chance to win a subscription. This will open up the list of games available, and give me better ability to assign math topics, track data and use the program to help the students...all while they play games. Your student may wish to continue working on the contest through the weekend. I certainly respect any screen time limits you have in your home, but want to make you aware that SumDog is actually a good practice site for math skills. This contest continues until Thursday Nov. 5th.

That is most of the exciting parts of our week in a short form. Please do check the web pages for more information, for copies of any documents, for research resource links. Have a great weekend!!

PS...several students questioned where to buy kits for catapults or trebuchets...Hobby Lobby has carried some options.

BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due by Dec. 18th. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>

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Spelling: **Module 04 Week 02**

Pretest Monday, Retest Friday!!!

1. clown
2. round
3. bow
4. cloud
5. power
6. crown
7. thousand
8. crowd
9. sound
10. count
11. powder

12. blouse
13. frown
14. pound
15. couch
16. peach
17. stretch
18. trench
19. mountain
20. announce
21. vowel
22. coward

Vocabulary: Module 04 Week 02

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

baroque
pulleys
backdrop
performance
eminent
peasant
stately
deceive
superior
merciful

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

clothes
instruments
direction
center

INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY

main idea
summarize
animation
live action
media
sound elements
visual elements
retell
act
dialogue
scene
stage direction
moral
theme
topic