

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

11-13-15 Newsletter

Reading: "Ba's Business" by Grace Lin
Focus Skills: words with long e: ee, ea; long o: oa, ow; and commonly misspelled words; subject-verb agreement, present-tense action verbs, prefixes
Spelling Unit: #14 (see below)
Vocabulary: (4-2 REVIEW) accomplish, advertisement, buyer, cooperation, market, money, pay, plenty, purpose, reward, seller

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:

- 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,

Time marches on...sometimes I think it's running, then breaks into a crazy sprint...

This has been a good busy week. The class is nearing completion of the budget home project on Minecraft. It's been a crazy ride...and I think we are all about ready to bring it to an end. There are many more project in Minecraft that are on the horizon...the only limit is that we can only run one server at a time.

Next week we will be making a push in math. I recently attended one of the MANY textbook adoption meetings for math. This has provided me with some new resources to play with :-). This will open some options for variation in topic delivery. There is also some variation in the depth of knowledge and approach that could be great for some students. The students have had a couple new challenges in math with daily math practice and the Next-door Number and Difference Pyramids. These have been a challenge for some and some fun for others. I will continue to challenge...with support.

I have to miss the class on Friday as I will be in Indianapolis presenting at HECC (Hoosier Educational Computer Coordinators). This unfortunately doesn't pay a bunch, but it should be a source for more classroom stuff. I was presenting for the regional director of Lego Education...and he's offered to pay in Legos...so hopefully we will see an early holiday package of Lego engineering and other toys show up!!

I have secured Mrs. French to sub...and have been told that Mr. French might pop in for a math lesson. He's been itching to get back to this classroom and share more math-y stuff. I think he was planning to share the Sieve of Eratosthenes. For those unfamiliar...this is a simple ancient algorithm for finding prime numbers. (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve_of_Eratosthenes) This is a handy tool to have in your memory...maybe not so much for 3rd grade...but it'll be a valuable tool later in math. I hope the kids like it!!

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

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

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!

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Spelling Unit #14 - LIST!!!

Monday Pretest...Friday test...PRACTICE

1. was

2. warm

3. want

4. went

5. where

6. what

7. when

8. watched

9. wear

10. would

11. wheel

12. whip

13. whale

14. while

15. warrior

16. whether

17. weather

18. whisper

NG Vocabulary 4-2 (Review)

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

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