

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum	11-24-15 Newsletter
<p>Reading: "The Ant and the Grasshopper" retold by Shirleyann Costigan</p> <p>Focus Skills: verbs ending in -ing and commonly misspelled words, forms of be and have, classify words</p> <p>Spelling Unit: Spelling Unit #15 - Pretest Monday</p> <p>Vocabulary: (4-4 Review) agriculture, alternative, conservation, crop, farmer, field, future, harvest, method, plow, sustain</p>	<p>Math: <u>The Number Devil</u></p> <p>-----</p> <p>Grading period goal - Topics #5 through #10 Students working at their own pace... Exploring Envision 2.0 (possible new series for next year) Khan Academy, Sumdog, FrontrowEd, Xtramath, ThatQuiz</p>
<p>Science / Social Studies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Google Classroom: Assignments!!• TinkerCAD - looking at aerodynamics• Minecraft...Square Footage/Budget Home...<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ LONG TERM PROJECT - due Nov. 24th	<p>Upcoming Events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5 Book Projects Due by Dec. 18th• Quizzes NEED to be caught up• Assignments NEED to be turned in

<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/news-blog>

Hello Parents,

WOW...two very quick busy days. The class has been working hard on wrapping up the Minecraft Building projects. This has been one of the longest duration projects yet this year. Unfortunately some have mismanaged their time and are not going to have things done before the end of school today. This will come with a small consequence. I will be taking 10% for each week it's late. That means that those not yet done can still get it wrapped up in the week after Thanksgiving and only lose 10%...think of this as a learning lesson in time management. I will apply suitable pressure next week and make sure that they get done...if at all possible.

Next week we will begin new projects and continue others. The Native American assignment (<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/native-american-homes.html>) will be due Dec. 11th. This means just over two weeks. My best advice is to help your child get a good start over this Thanksgiving break. The written component will be graded more critically than the last research paper. Anything less than 3rd grade work will not be graded well...complete sentences!! complete ideas!! The visual component does NOT have to be a model...even though they are fun.

I have included information on the next page about our class blanket project. This is a fun philanthropic experience. It will conclude with a field trip to visit the Salvation Army facility where they will distribute the blankets for the winter. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/no-sew-blanket-project.html>

I hope that EVERYONE will have a wonderful family time off this Thanksgiving. I also hope that some of you will make it down to Indianapolis for the WL HS State Championship football team. I will be there with my WL gear on cheering on the Red devils!! RDP!!

Be safe and keep warm.. I'll see your kiddos in 5 days!

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

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...REST!!



Dear Parents,

I have a special holiday event planned for our class! Rather than having a class gift exchange, we will be creating no-sew baby blankets that will be donated to the Salvation Army. These blankets will be given to families during the Salvation Army's annual Christmas Toy Shop family assistance program. We will be visiting the Salvation Army on Tuesday, Dec. 15 to deliver the blankets. Our class will get a guided tour of the facility, and learn how this organization provides help to those in need. I am sure all of the kids will be impressed with the huge number of items that are organized for distribution, and the way the Salvation Army pulls off such a huge operation.

In order to create the blankets, we need your help. **I am asking each child to bring in two yards of fleece fabric.** *The blankets look especially nice if one yard of the fleece is a print, and the other is a corresponding solid color.* Fleece is readily available at Hobby Lobby, JoAnn Fabrics, Michaels and Wal-Mart. I will be looking for volunteers to help us create the blankets in a few weeks, so please let me know if you are interested. **Please send the fabric to school no later than Monday, December 7. Feel free to send it in sooner if you would like. I have space to store it.**

I did this project with my class last year. When Mrs. Kriebel called to schedule another blanket donation and field trip for this year, the Salvation Army representative was thrilled that they would have more blankets to give away!

Thank you for your help with this special project!

Mr. Brantley



Spelling Unit #15

Pretest on Monday...Friday test if necessary

1. once
2. chance
3. face
4. house
5. neck
6. trick
7. jacket
8. since
9. police

10. erase
11. chase
12. bucket
13. ticket
14. locker
15. furnace
16. purpose
17. violence
18. tackle

NG Vocabulary 4-3 (Review)

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

agriculture, alternative, conservation, crop, farmer, field, future, harvest, method, plow, sustain