



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

11/12/21 - Newsletter

**Reading:**

Reading groups found their focus on plays, dramas and the elements of theatre scripts. This kept us busy this week and there were some incentives built into the work. I have told the students that if they complete EVERYTHING and it's done well they will earn two book projects credit. If it's not done super well but it's completed, they probably will earn one book project credit.

We continue with groups and good work as we dive into the next Module in the HMH resources. Module 5 focuses on Teamwork and people involved in sports: soccer, running and baseball. Hopefully this covers a couple areas of interest for most of the class!!

**Math: Chapter 4: Multiplication**

- **Mon.** Chp 4 Lesson 6 - Multiplication / Matrices
- **Tues.** Chp 4 Review and Test Prep...
- **Wed.** Chp 4 Review and Test Prep...
- **Thurs** Chp 4 Quiz/Test
- **Fri.** Chp 4 Quiz/Test



**Science / Social Studies:**

- Maps Skills, Scholastic News
- Weather Journal

**Enrichment/Project Work:**

- TinkerCAD - rockets, aerodynamics
- Programming: LightBot, Code.org and Scratch.mit.edu
- MinecraftEDU

**Upcoming Events:**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

- W 24 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school
- Th 25 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school
- F 26 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school

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Hello Parents,

Wow...Busy week done!! We did a ton of great work. Some students were a little frustrated today (Friday) that they had work to catch up, but we really did wrap up all the work and it was a crazy week.

The migration lesson and research for Ms. Lexi has continued. Some are slideshow powerhouses and they have put together great information and imagery. Others are still working and will likely work into next week on their presentations. The goal is for all slideshow research presentations to be completed by Tuesday to share with Ms. Lexi. Considering that the expectations only asked students to answer 3-4 directed questions...this seems reasonable.

MinecraftEDU projects are coming along nicely. I suspect we will be at a point when students are "finished" building and ready to start capturing pictures. This will be a time when they should be able to share some of their great work!! It's gotten to the point that MinecraftEDU has become an incentive to complete work....so if you hear about your student NOT getting a rotation, this is likely because they had work to finish.

We are headed into another busy week. Next week we will start off a little heavy...then balance time and get things done. I hope that everyone enjoys the weekend and possibly gets to see some SNOW!!!

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 2nd grading period. 5 due by December 22.**

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**Vocabulary: Module 05 Week 01**

**HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

job  
exercise  
solve  
race

**BIG IDEA WORDS**

collaboration  
symbiosis  
determination  
unity

**CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

apprehensive (p. 324)  
technical (p. 324)  
deflected (p. 326)  
competition (p. 329)  
intercepted (p. 336)  
sprawling (p. 337)

**INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

bold text  
chart  
graphic feature  
photo  
text feature  
clarify  
prediction  
character  
literary element  
plot  
setting  
moral  
theme  
topic  
author's craft  
mood  
tone  
voice