



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

11/19/21 - 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...
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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...what a crazy week! We got a ton done this week with the migration presentations, other MinecraftEDU work and the programming with the Microbit devices. This week has been a little hectic with some of the heavy load of work that I gave the students Monday (while I was out). The catch up took nearly the whole week...so I guess I know their limit.

Next week we only have two days...2 days!!! There will be gradable work...but not too much...just enough to get a few grades into Skyward. Then we are onto some fun stuff. I think that we will begin printing some for the rockets, hoping to get a few students started with the Microbits and the new car attachments and get a head start on hats (bad pun...sorry). The new-sew hats are a thing...and they are super easy to make. I have some extra help lined up...Mr. Richardson will likely be here all day Monday and more help will be around in the afternoons. This will start a great donation to LTHC (Lafayette Transitional Housing).

I did talk with the class about letting me know about any early departures. If you and your family need to get on the road, I'm not judging, it would be nice to know as we are planning for project work and other activities. Most of the no-sew work will be happening after the break...the only item I was hoping to start was the hats. I would also ask if anyone is leaving early for winter break...please let me know so I can plan for December.

I hope that everyone has a great weekend and is rested up for the exciting 2 days of amazing school!!

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

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Vocabulary: Module 05 Week 02

BIG IDEA WORDS

collaboration
symbiosis
determination
unity

CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS

captain
force
finals
meets (p. 346)

upset (p. 349)
concentrated (p. 356)
disappointed (p. 357)
personal (p. 358)

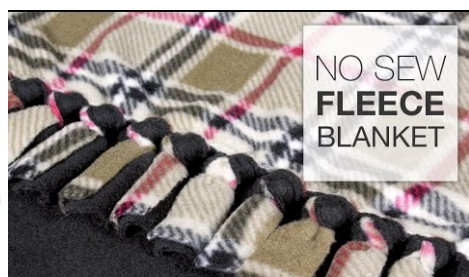
HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

third
result
pushed

INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY

clarify
monitor
live action
media
sound elements
visual elements
character

literary elements
plot
setting
author's purpose
entertain
inform
persuade



Dear Parents,

I have a special event planned for our class as we start into December! In the past couple of years this has been a project that is about giving back to the community. We will be making no sew blankets for Lafayette Transitional Housing.

Donations needed:

Option #1:

In order to create the blankets, we need your help. **I am asking each child who can to bring in 2-3 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. ***Extra will be used for fleece hats!!***

OPTION #2 -

If fleece is hard to find or a little too pricey, a skein of yarn would help. Mr. Richardson and I have knitting machines and will be making hats to also donate.

I may be asking for some volunteers to help. These can ONLY be parent volunteers with complete/current background checks. I will also have Ms. Lexi, Mr. Richardson and possibly Ms. Kolbe helping (all Purdue Education students). There are more that might be recruited...they don't know yet.

Please try to send the fabric to school by Monday Nov. 29th...or as early as possible. Feel free to send it in sooner if you would like. I have space to store it.

I have done this project with my class for several years. I will be reaching out to a friend who happens to be one of the directors of Lafayette Transitional Housing and I know they will be excited about the donation. Many of their families have difficulty providing even the basics for their children, so getting a warm baby blanket can be a tremendous help and a real blessing for them!

Thank you for your help with this special project!

Mr. Brantley

PS. We might be sharing this project with a 2nd grade class. More blankets will do more good!!!

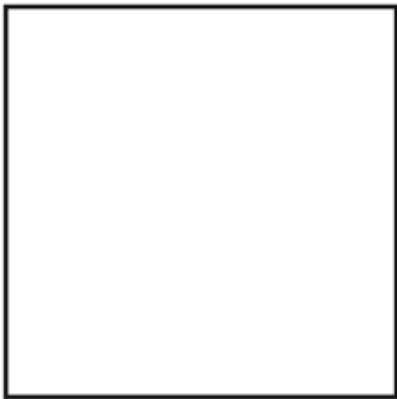
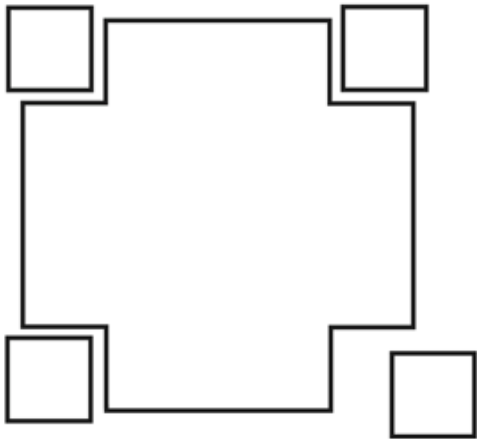
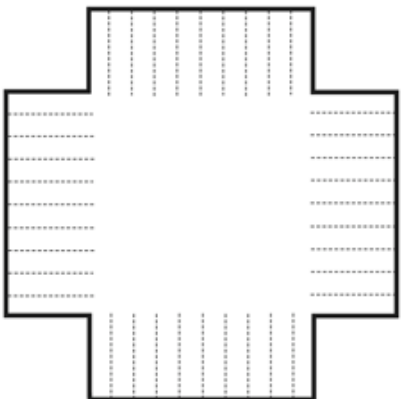
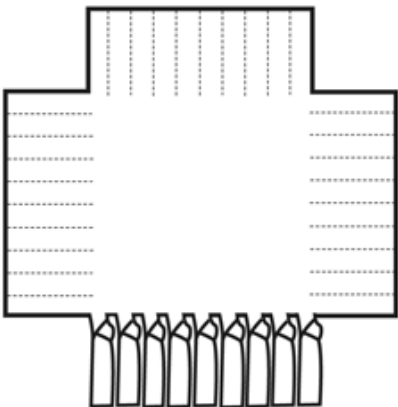
No Sew Blanket Project

Materials:

Polar fleece: Two 1 yard pieces...these need to be matched in length/width

Scissors: (we have at school)

Rulers: (we have at school)

<p>STEP 1</p>  <p>Trim off selvage edges and square uneven edges if needed.</p>	<p>STEP 2</p>  <p>Cut a 4" square from each corner of the fleece using the 4" x 4" pattern enclosed.</p>
<p>STEP 3</p>  <p>Cut 1" strips around entire blanket using the 1" x 4" pattern to create fringe.</p>	<p>STEP 4</p>  <p>Tie a knot at the top of each strip to finish fringed edge.</p>