



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

11/23/21 - Newsletter

**Reading:**

Wow...2 whole days and done. That was crazy!!  
Reading groups weren't even on the agenda for these two days, but we did get in some great reading about Native people and some of their amazing contributions, stories of self sacrifice and inspiration. We read about Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte and the Navajo Code Talkers. Both had amazing stories and were great for these two days.

**Math: Chapter 4: Multiplication**

- **Mon.** Chp 5 PRETEST
- **Tues.** Chp 5 Vocabulary cards and resources
- **Wed.**
- **Thur.**
- **Fri.**

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Maps Skills, Scholastic News
- Weather Journal

**Enrichment/Project Work:**

- TinkerCAD - rockets, aerodynamics
- Programming: MICROBITS...hoping to start cards soon!!
- MinecraftEDU

**Upcoming Events:**

**NOVEMBER 2021**

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

**DECEMBER 2021**

- W 22 First Semester Ends (44 days)
- Th 23 (Winter Break begins)

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Hello Parents,

I thought last week was crazy...2 days beats last week. Actually we got a surprising amount done in that short time. Monday was project day with Mr. Richardson and Ms. Kolbe here to help. We flew through 40 hats like these kids were pros! I am sincerely looking forward to the blankets!! There will be a considerable amount more cutting and knots to be tied, but I can safely say that nearly all of this class is ready for that project!

Microbits have been blinking, playing games and more this week. Discoveries about wireless communication, various sensors and other interesting features have been a highlight. I cannot wait til we get the car attachments connected and the added programming language blocks added to Microbit Makecode. Good times are coming!!

In MinecraftEDU we are well on our way to getting slideshows and walkthroughs completed. Several students have started and the slide decks are being built. I am so excited with the technical prowess of so many in this class and their "dive in" mentality. After several Zillow listings...I think they are fired up and ready to make their own. We also watched a Youtube of a guy in California that has built, not 1 but, 5 rollercoasters in either his yard or friends. This was to confirm that and rollercoaster WAS realistic in a residential piece of land. It's a mad mad world we live in...but some of the madness is that of mad geniuses!!

We return on Monday with a full week. Three full weeks, plus three days, before we get to winter break. This will be a good time to get some end of semester items done, clean up and wrap up projects and enjoy some social studies from around the world as we look at winter celebrations and celebrations of light.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break. I hope that everyone can enjoy some family time and time away from work and school. I think we all need some rest...this might be exactly the rejuvenating break to get us through winter break.

**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)

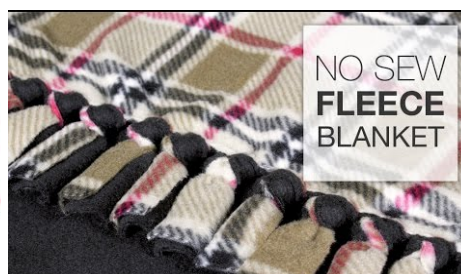
### HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

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!!!