



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

12/06/19 Newsletter

**Reading:** The Nose Awards / Octopus Escapes Again!  
**Focus Skills:** Text & Graphic Features: Retell/Summarize, Author's Purpose, Text & Graphic Features. Author's Craft.  
**Foundational Skills:** Decoding: Words with ar, or, ore  
**Spelling:** Vowel + /r/ Sounds, Fluency: Expression  
**Vocabulary:** Reference Sources: Thesaurus, Greek prefixes uni-, bi-, tri-,  
 Spiral Review: Suffix -ment, Vocabulary Spiral Review  
 Writing: Informational Writing: Expository Essay

**Spelling Unit:** Module 6 Week 1  
**Vocabulary:** Module 6 Week 1

**Math: Chapter 6 - Understand Division**

- **Mon.** Chp. 7 - pgs. 377 - 380
- **Tues.** Chp. 7 - pgs. 383 - 386
- **Wed.** Chp. 7 - pgs. 389 - 392
- **Thurs** Chp. 7 - pgs. 395 - 396
- **Fri.** Chp. 7 - pgs. 397 - 400



**Science / Social Studies:**

- **Google Classroom: Assignments!!**
  - Readworks: Daily Article (online assignment)

**Social Studies/History:** Daily Geography

**Upcoming Events:**

*December 2019*

- W 18 Winter Party
- Th 19 First Semester Ends
- F 20 Winter Break Begins

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Hello Parents!

Another week flies by...it's scary how quickly this week passed! This is December!!

For next week I am working on a couple craft/creative ideas to try and lighten the mood, while still continuing good work. We have a good deal of work to try to finish...it's not going to get any less busy...but we are done with NWEA until at least April...so that's good 😊

I have heard from a couple parents about travel plans that necessitate leaving early. Please try to let me know ASAP so that I can plan accordingly. I have already worked with Mrs. Shaeffer to plan a winter party for the class on Dec. 18th. She has also worked on a schedule plan using Sign up genius to coordinate help with blanket making. The class is excited and looking forward to making the blankets and then donating them to Lafayette Transitional Housing. We started a couple today (Friday) and they look great!!

We have entered a national Sumdog challenge!! This is an exciting time!! So, if your child is trying to get into "play" math games, they actually are working towards winning the class a subscription to Sumdog. If there is trouble with the third line logging in...the school code is: cumberland\_2 Often students forget the underscore \_ Best of luck class! Subscription means all games are open!!!

\*\*\*SEE SPECIAL PROJECT BELOW\*\*\*

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 2ND grading period. 5 due by DEC. 19th.**

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# Spelling: Module 06 Week 02

**Pretest Monday, Retest Friday!!!**

1. nurse
2. work
3. shirt
4. hurt
5. chirp
6. word
7. serve
8. curly
9. dirt
10. worry
11. turn

12. stir
13. firm
14. skirt
15. forest
16. market
17. storm
18. horse
19. churning
20. swerve
21. squirm
22. twirling

## Vocabulary: Module 06 Week 02

\*\*\*These words will NOT be on spelling,  
but will be used for meaning and sentence creation\*\*\*

### **BIG IDEA WORDS**

hatch  
universal  
span  
growth

### **CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS**

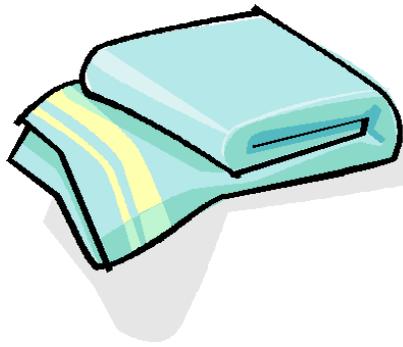
keener  
nostrils  
trumpet  
flexible  
siphon  
lurking  
Invisible

### **HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS**

developed  
appear  
lay  
buy

### **INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY**

clarify  
detail  
imagery  
sound device  
punctuation  
prediction  
evidence  
onomatopoeia  
diagram  
sidebar  
central idea  
figurative language  
repetition  
graphic feature  
text feature



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.

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 the next week, so please let me know if you are interested.

**Please try to send the fabric to school by Monday Dec. 2nd...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 have reached out to a friend who happens to be the director of Lafayette Transitional Housing and they are very 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

## **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)**

