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Third Grade News / Curriculum		12/01/23 - Newsletter
<b>Reading and ELA:</b> myBook • Bend It Like Bianca GENRE: Media: Humorous Fiction Video • Running Rivals GENRE: Realistic Fiction Comprehension • Monitor and Clarify • Media Techniques • Literary Elements • Author's Purpose Response to Text	Phonological Awareness Sound Chains* Decoding Homophones Spelling Homophones Basic Words: hole, whole, its, it's, hear, here, won, one, our, hour, their, there, fur, fir • Review Words: voice, noise, joy, spoil • Challenge Words: piece, peace, waste, waist Fluency Intonation High-Frequency Words third, result, pushed	<b>Math:</b> Multiplication and Division <b>Topic 5:</b> Pre-Assessment <b>Topic 5:</b> Fluently Multiply and Divide Within 100 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• patterns, multiply and divide using table, strategies, problem solving, math stories</li> </ul> <b>Spiral Concepts:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Patterns</li> <li>• Fractions</li> <li>• Measurement</li> </ul>
<b>Science / Social Studies:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TinkerCAD: fidget spinner designs</li> <li>• MinecraftEDU: X, Y and Z coordinates</li> <li>• Winter crafts and gifts</li> </ul>		<b>Upcoming Events:</b> <b>DECEMBER</b> F 22 1st Semester Ends M 25 Winter Break begins

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Hello Parents!!

Oh what a busy crazy week!! I think we did almost double this week compared to previous weeks!! It's been crazy and awesome in class!! We finished reading Boxcar Children: Surprise Island...and I think the class is ready for more Boxcar Children!! They love the four children and the adventures they are on and mysteries they discover. We are taking a short break while we read Mr. Stink. This is a wonderful story and one that fits the season. This will hopefully wrap up right before we depart for winter break....and there is a video version to watch. This is especially fun to compare, because the author actually directed the movie!! David Walliams is a multi-talented individual and a fun children's author.

We are well into the MinecraftEDU scavenger hunts. Several students have already finished the first hunt and have started the second. It's so fun to hear the conversations about coordinates, historical locations and more. The excitement is visible in the classroom!!

So far 18 fidget spinners have been printed and sent home. It's been a very busy week for the 3D printers and I think the students are happy with their work. I have to say that some of the designs really impressed me and made me think how creative they were!!

Have a great weekend and I look forward to next week!!

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Have a great weekend!!

**BOOK PROJECTS: 5 due or Reading Logs completed by Oct. 11. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

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This Week's Focus:

- Spell words with the endings -er and -est

**1. cleaner**

**2. cleanest**

**3. bigger**

**4. biggest**

**5. earlier**

**6. earliest**

**7. quicker**

**8. quickest**

**9. busier**

**10. busiest**

**11. rougher**

**12. roughest**

**13. heavier**

**14. heaviest**

**15. happier**

**16. happiest**

**17. lazier**

**18. laziest**