



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

12/03/21 - Newsletter

Reading:

Busy week with various readings.

Next week kicks off one of my favorite stories in the MyBook: Brothers at Bat is the true story of the Acerra brothers and their experiences with baseball, family and challenges. This will be my final opportunity for students to read and respond and then do a little webquest/research for credit for 1-2 book projects. I know at least a couple students looking forward to the challenge!!

Math: Chp. 5: Division & Chp. 6 Multip. And Div.

- **Mon.** - Chp 5 and 6 work
- **Tues.** - Chp 5 and 6 work
- **Wed.** - Chp 5 and 6 work
- **Thur.** - Chp 5 and 6 work
- **Fri.** - Chp 5 and 6 work

Science / Social Studies:

- Maps Skills, Scholastic News
- Weather Journal

Enrichment/Project Work:

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

Upcoming Events:

DECEMBER 2021

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

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Hello Parents,

Wow...what a week!! This week really kicked off several visitors, projects and more! From the meeting our new school counselor (Mrs. Jones) to the diversity lesson with Mrs. Falk, then Body Safety with Ms. Carol and meeting Mrs. Shook and learning about LTHC, I'd say we have had a full week. Next week won't have quite so many visitors...maybe one or two.

The work and discussions this week have really been good. I have seen the level of effort rise from many that needed to step up their work, others are just continuing to excel and overall we finished on a great note. Before lunch on Friday the ENTIRE class was green...actually and honestly green on the assignment chart. The other impressive feature to that status was that everyone...actually everyone caught up all their ThatQuiz assignments!!! That really made for a proud moment by not just their teacher, but for each other.

Friday we finally found a quite nearly windless time to launch 16 of the complete rockets. I say rockets...their were their designs that we fired out of one of the air cannons. Several flew beautifully, a couple broke, but none were lost this year...so I chalk that as a minor win. At least two flew about 200ft. Most started to flip and "cartwheel" and landed about 140-170 feet down range. All impressive. There may be a spring redesign project that could include adding a bit of nose weight to keep them flying straight...

MinecraftEDU home projects are coming to a close. I know a few of you have been shown the slideshows and are starting to see the houses your students have designed and built. The sales pitch part of the slideshow, the description, has been an interesting and challenging component. I look forward to seeing these finish up next week. I have one more project before winter break that I hope to fit in the final full week of school.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful and restful weekend. I think this full week back from Thanksgiving break was a little rough for a few students, and maybe a few teacher (ha ha). Get rest and come back Monday ready for good work, a little NWEA and blankets!! We got a GREAT start today with Mrs. Kronander's 2nd graders. Many of them brought material and were so excited to make these blankets. Partnering with 3rd graders was great...lots of fun conversations while they worked hard today!! More blanket work this Monday!!

BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due 2nd grading period. 5 due by December 22. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>

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Vocabulary: Module 05 Week 03

BIG IDEA WORDS

collaboration

symbiosis

determination

unity

CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS

littered (p. 370)

rivalry (p. 371)

disbanded (p. 374)

donated (p. 379)

generations (p. 380)

soared (p. 380)

INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY

clarify

monitor

live action

media

sound elements

visual elements

character

literary elements

plot

setting

author's purpose

entertain

inform

persuade