



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

12/10/21 - Newsletter

Reading:

Another week done and more good reading!

This week's story, Brothers at Bat, is a great historically accurate story. The Acerra brothers were a real team of baseball players that survived WWII, family strife and more. They were posthumously added to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015/2016.

Next week we will focus on some Readworks reading, some good books and other great readings!

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

**As we wrap up the MinecraftEDU projects, we sometimes push mathbook work to the next day.

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)

JANUARY 2022

- Th 6 School Resumes
Second Semester Begins for All Students
- M 17 MLK Day – No School

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Hello Parents,

Another great week is behind us...and we are that much closer to the end of the semester!!

The book projects are still coming in...I have a stack to check in this weekend. I have put the firm due date for the Brothers at Bat packet (worth potentially 2 book projects if done VERY WELL) on Monday Dec. 13.

I will be helping a few specific students wrap up their MinecraftEDU slideshows Monday...it's been a long project!! Be on the watch for a separate email from me if your student has work to complete over the weekend.

We just Friday after school loaded Mrs. Shook's trunk completely full of the blankets we've made thus far. More are still on the list to be made into blankets, or possibly more hats. Apparently they have been a great hit at LTHC and are already doing good in our community! I love this project...for all the hard work and crazy days, the rewarding of helping our community makes it all worth it!

Next week will have a new MinecraftEDU four day challenge, hands on craft and projects, math games, new coding challenges and lessons on HourofCode.com and more!! We had a great discussion sharing ideas for crafts, projects and bonus activities for next week. One main push will be the finishing of the Mr. Stink book. This is really a fun twist on the Mary Poppins or Nanny McPhee story design. Mr. Stink isn't who is seems to be and helps to heal an entire family struggling during a winter holiday. This always ties nicely to our work with LTHC and that feeling of giving back. I look forward to sharing the conclusion with the class next week. So far they are hooked and enjoy every chapter.

As I have stated before, it helps to know if anyone is departing early for winter break. I will myself be out Mon.-Wed. Father-in-law turning 80 and family from CA coming for reunion/birthday celebration. I hate to miss school (*more than you may ever know*) but family is so important and I cannot wait to see my nephews and niece...it's been too long! It's our everyone vaccinated and boosted family gathering. Please share if you are leaving early too. I'd like to leave accurate information for my sub Monday and Mr. Richardson Tuesday and Wednesday.

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 06 Week 01

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS

beautiful

soft

Tail

BIG IDEA WORDS

hatch

universal

span

growth

CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS

larvae (p. 20)

molt (p. 20)

unsuspecting (p. 23)

deposited (p. 27)

patch (p. 29)

cumbersome (p. 37)

INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY

bold text

caption

graphic feature

photo

text feature

main idea

summarize

author's purpose

entertain

inform

persuade

diagram

label

speech bubble

author's craft

mood

tone

voice