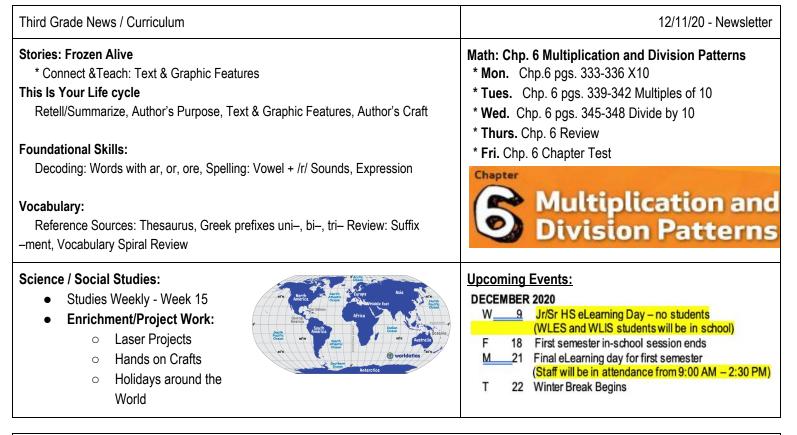


## BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS West Lafayette Elementary School





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Hello Parents!!

We are now looking at the final week of the semester! I find it hard to believe that we are already here. That means finishing up projects, book projects, assignments and final fun before the winter semester break. Most of the class is in perfectly great shape, but there will be a few items to complete next week. I intend on completing chapter 6 and getting that chapter quiz behind us before the break. This is a great resting place in math...we return to a couple more chapters covering multiplication and division before diving into the fun concepts of math! (I'm a math nerd)

We discussed in class this week the possibility of changes after the break. There may be a few new students in our room. This will require a little more creative arrangement to maintain spacing...but I have a plan.

I look forward to new projects and more in 2nd semester. The fresh start is also valuable for many students. As we wrap up the 1st semester I try to discuss the cumulative grading and how averages work. This can be a good conversation for some, for others the concept of grades isn't too important.

Overall this first semester has been a pretty great experience. We've done many of the projects I planned and several that were spontaneous. This last week we will try to keep the workload light and the fun load high. We try to look at the various lights festivals from around the world...but also enjoy a few seasonal videos. We are also completing our read aloud, <u>Mr. Stink</u> and I so look forward to sharing the video. This video is made for children and directed by the author...who also is one of the characters in the video. So much fun!!!

Have a wonderful and restful weekend!! The weather may be lousy, but get the extra sleep and be ready for Monday!!

BOOK PROJECTS: 5 projects due by Dec. 18th. http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html

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## Spelling: Module 06 Week 01

## Pretest Monday, Post Test Friday!!!

1. horse	12. forest
2. mark	13. chore
3. storm	14. restore
4. market	15. doesn't
5. acorn	16. weren't
6. large	17. couldn't
7. March	18. they'd
8. north	19. horsepower
9. barking	20. before
10. stork	21. artist
11. thorn	22. carve

Vocabulary: Module 06 Week 01

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

HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS	INSTRUCTIONAL VOCABULARY
beautiful	bold text
soft	caption
Tail	graphic feature
	photo
BIG IDEA WORDS	text feature
hatch	main idea
universal	summarize
span	author's purpose
growth	entertain
	inform
CRITICAL VOCABULARY WORDS	persuade
larvae (p. 20)	diagram
molt (p. 20)	label
unsuspecting (p. 23)	speech bubble
deposited (p. 27)	author's craft
patch (p. 29)	mood
cumbersome (p. 37)	tone
	voice