



# BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

<https://mrbrantley.weebly.com/>

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

12/11/20 - Newsletter

**Stories: Frozen Alive**

\* Connect & Teach: Text & Graphic Features

**This Is Your Life cycle**

Retell/Summarize, Author's Purpose, Text & Graphic Features, Author's Craft

**Foundational Skills:**

Decoding: Words with ar, or, ore, Spelling: Vowel + /r/ Sounds, Expression

**Vocabulary:**

Reference Sources: Thesaurus, Greek prefixes uni-, bi-, tri- Review: Suffix -ment, Vocabulary Spiral Review

**Math: Chp. 6 Multiplication and Division Patterns**

\* **Mon.** Chp.6 pgs. 333-336 X10

\* **Tues.** Chp. 6 pgs. 339-342 Multiples of 10

\* **Wed.** Chp. 6 pgs. 345-348 Divide by 10

\* **Thurs.** Chp. 6 Review

\* **Fri.** Chp. 6 Chapter Test



**Science / Social Studies:**

- Studies Weekly - Week 15
- **Enrichment/Project Work:**
  - Laser Projects
  - Hands on Crafts
  - Holidays around the World



**Upcoming Events:**

**DECEMBER 2020**

W 9 Jr/Sr HS eLearning Day – no students (WLES and WLIS students will be in school)

F 18 First semester in-school session ends

M 21 Final eLearning day for first semester (Staff will be in attendance from 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM)

T 22 Winter Break Begins

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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, Mr. Stink 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
2. mark
3. storm
4. market
5. acorn
6. large
7. March
8. north
9. barking
10. stork
11. thorn

12. forest
13. chore
14. restore
15. doesn't
16. weren't
17. couldn't
18. they'd
19. horsepower
20. before
21. artist
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

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