



BRANTLEY CLASSROOM NEWS

West Lafayette Elementary School

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2022|2023

Third Grade News / Curriculum

12/21/22 - Newsletter

● Have a wonderful break and a very happy New Year!!

Upcoming Events:

DECEMBER 2022

W 21 1st Semester Ends (44 days)

Th 22 (Winter Break begins)

JANUARY 2023

Th 5 School Resumes

2nd Semester Begins for All Students

M 16 MLK Day – No School

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Hello Parents!!

It's the final day of the semester and we are wrapping up the last couple hours...

As I finish my lunch and think about this past semester it's partially a blur. So many projects, activities, great times...and growth. Classroom discussions, problem solving, and even a little grit have been the best things I have seen this last 18 weeks. Many students are really growing up and maturing into great third graders and even starting to look like 4th graders. Luckily, there are still two more grading periods for the growth and maturity to sink into those still struggling.

These last few days have been a little chaotic, but also good. We've had the chance to have some fun with interesting puzzles and activities. We've tried new things like: online escape rooms, mystery math challenges and ClassCraft. All have been learning lessons and time to see just how well each student approaches the unknown and seeks to solve things on their own...before throwing their arms up in the air and begging for help. Some have learned to work in small groups...and a few have discovered they really are better on their own. All good lessons.

As we rest and relax (recover) this winter break, I will be planning and working with Ms. Kolbe to get new material, new subject matter and several new projects ready for the spring semester. This is always a challenging time with the uncertainty of the weather, potential delays and/or cancellations and the cabin/classroom fever (not real fevers...the figurative kind). Once the weather allows breaks to go outside again, we will take those opportunities and make the most of those times...but there may be a few times we have outdoor experiences even in the cold.

I always enjoy the fall semester...but sometimes it's the spring that really opens up and offers deeper challenges and more in depth project work.

I hope that everyone has time to rest and relax this break. It's probably going to seem like a quick 2 weeks, but hopefully it's time well spent with family, friends or just quality down time as some of us need.

Happy holidays and Merry Christmas to all. May this new year, 2023, be a great fresh start and a fantastic time for us all to grow and show off what we know!!

BOOK PROJECTS: 5 due and of 2nd grading period. 5 due by Dec. 21st, 2022. <http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>

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