

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

April 3, 2015

Reading: "Two Clever Plans" retold by Colleen Pellier and Margaret Read MacDonald
Focus Skills: words with suffixes: -y, -ly, -less, -ful and commonly misspelled words, irregular past-tense verbs and regular past-tense verbs, word categories
Spelling Unit: Spelling Unit #29 (see below)
Vocabulary Lesson # 8-2 (REVIEW): achieve, direction, distance, estimate, feet, goal, kilometer, measurement, meter, strategy, unit

Math:
Topic #18 - EVERYONE - Due by Tuesday 4/7

Topic #13 - Decimals and Money
Topic #9 - Patterns and Relationships
Topic #11 - Congruence and Symmetry
Topic #10 - Solid Shapes
Students working at their own pace.
...check on their Pearson page for their progress

Science / Social Studies:

- Google Classroom: Assignments!!
- TinkerCAD - Next assignment soon...

Minecraft Science: **MINECRAFT EDU ROCKS!!**

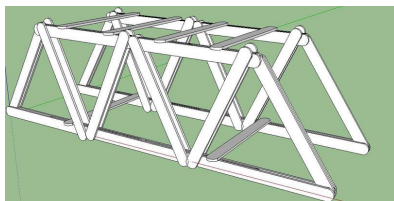
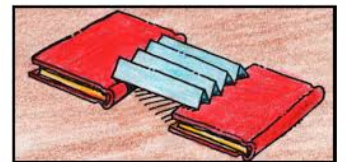
Upcoming Events:

- *April:*
 - **No days off...April 6 is a regular day...**
- *May*
 - 28th - Final day of school...

Hello Parents,

Another week down!! This week flew quickly...probably due to the busy projects. Students stayed busy with reading assignments, writing assignments, and our Minecraft science fair. Everyone completed beautiful project proposals with objectives, procedures and a hypothesis. Then they were able to work in a lab on the MinecraftEDU server. This was a perfect way to have a science fair with explody things (our favorite phrase). I will look to have some pictures posted soon.

Next week we will continue with minecraft (a quick project) and begin planning the next CAD/3D printing project. Another fun project coming up is the annual bridge building project. This is a terribly fun time...also a little destructive. Each student will start with a simple paper bridge project. This will be the learning curve exercise. Each student will be responsible for their own bridge. Then the fun begins!!! Students will work in groups creating and building popsicle bridges. These will then be tested using weights and a scale to



determine which bridge holds the most weight. Last year was pretty ridiculous...102.9lbs was the winner...I thought it would never break!! This is one of those fun...yet educational projects that leaves memories...also lots of broken popsicle sticks!!

Please help your child work through the regular tasks each week. So far I am still chasing down unfinished National Geographic mini readers, ThatQuiz quizzes, and TFK quizzes on Fridays. This isn't fun for anyone...least of all the poor student stuck working on a quiz or writing answers while everyone else enjoys free time. Please remind them to check Google Classroom and ThatQuiz for assignments early in the week. I remind them...but that seems to go in one ear and out the other.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend...and rest up for a busy week next week!!

Spelling Unit #29 - LIST!!!

Pretest Monday...Test on Friday...study

1. America

2. very

3. pair

4. hair

5. near

6. year

7. deer

8. stereo

9. fair

10. stairs

11. fear

12. clear

13. cheer

14. steer

15. prairie

16. appear

17. beard

18. volunteer