

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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Reading:

End of Year Reading benchmarks and Assessments

Focus Skills:

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Spelling Unit: Spelling Unit #31 (see below)

Vocabulary :

End of Year Reading benchmarks and Assessments

Math:

Topic #19 - STILL catching up a couple students

Topic #13 - Decimals and Money

Topic #9 - Patterns and Relationships

Topic #11 - Congruence and Symmetry

Topic #10 - Solid Shapes

Topic #14 - Standard Measurement

Topic #15 - Metric Measurement

Science / Social Studies:

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

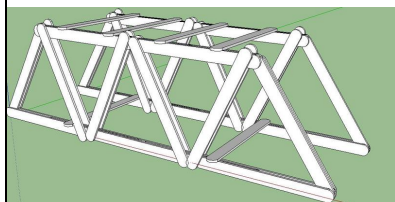
Minecraft Science:

Upcoming Events:

- *ISTEP - 4/27 to 5/15 (Total window)*

Hello Parents,

We have left the destruction for next week...that is in part due to the NEED for more time.



Several groups realized yesterday (Thursday) that they hadn't gotten as far as they'd thought. The "...but we're not done!!!" statements flew around enough that we pushed the destruction days until next Monday. I will try to video and share as soon as possible...this always a fun time. I mean...who doesn't enjoy a little destruction now and then?! The team whose bridge survives the longest...and holds the greatest weight will

receive the newly designed 2015 bridge award.



We have a new Minecraft assignment...this will tie a few new concepts into place. I am currently working to complete a world geocache. The students will retrieve images, information and possible items from the world. They will use the Minecraft X, Y and Z coordinates and clues to narrow their search and ultimately pinpoint their destination. This will be a challenge, and there will be documentation that will directly accompany this experience...so I am hoping for a well documented fun geocache/scavenger hunt!!

This last few weeks becomes a mad dash. Assessment...reading fluency...and of course finishing up the lovely ISTEP are on the list. There are more projects...but they will remain secret for a number of reasons...the most important being that we may run out of time!!

This week really hasn't been too bad. ISTEP hasn't reduced anyone to tears (that I've seen). Everyone has been pretty calm and cool about the tests. It's frustrating as a teacher...so many situations where the students know how to do the problem, but the way it was organized or written throws the student off and confuses them. I have faith that everyone has done their best.

Please keep letting me know about absences and vacations. I am aware of a few students that are leaving early...or are out due to the extra four days of snow makeup. I, in fact, am forced to miss the last two days. For some reason my fraternity brother and his beautiful fiancée didn't want to move their wedding to accommodate our snow days. I have the honor of being one of their groomsmen...and I must leave Wednesday the 27th to get their in time.

Have a WONDERFUL weekend!!!

Spelling Unit #33 - LIST!!!

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

1. dollar

2. calendar

3. lemon

4. character

5. open

6. animal

7. Oregon

8. wagon

9. squirrel

10. paper

11. cardinal

12. another

13. sugar

14. travel

15. brother

16. final

17. garden

18. nickel