

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

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- 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)
- ISTEP...make ups nearly done

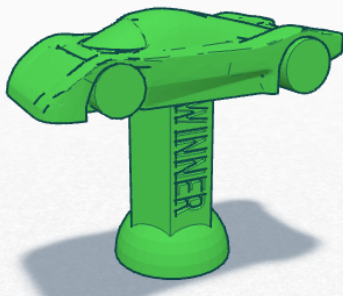
Hello Parents,

ISTEP is nearly done. We are mostly done as a class...the few students that have missed and needed make up tests are finishing up...hopefully they will wrap up early next week.

The bridges are DONE...crushed, collapsed, finished! One of the teams really surprised the class. A very unassuming looking bridge made it to just over 80 lbs!! The winners were very proud...and so am !!!



Minecraft returns!! We have begun what I hope will be a great end of the year series of projects/searches in Minecraft. We are using the built in GPS/Coordinate system of X, Y, and Z coordinates to locate specific locations. At these locations are either assigned screenshots or clues to the next location. This cross between a scavenger hunt and a GPS/Geocaching adventure seems to be a fun activity. So far about 10 students completed the 6 assigned searches. Next week we will continue with the same world...adding a hunt through Boston Harbor (well...a reasonable facsimile). The challenges will be harder and the required assignments a little tougher. I think it will be fun!



Next week will be a project heavy week! We will be working on not just Minecraft, but we will begin a stop motion film creation project, students will be building Lego race cars for the Gutter Grand Prix and we might try to fit in a little robotics. Aside from those fun projects, there are a few more that we need to squeeze in before the end of the year. Lets just say we will be busy!!

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 fiance 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 #34 - LIST!!!

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

1. farmer

2. reader

3. player

4. visitor

5. sailor

6. artist

7. finalist

8. painter

9. waiter

10. hunter

11. actor

12. inventor

13. violinist

14. tourist

15. announcer

16. manager

17. governor

18. scientist