

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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**Reading:** "Quicksand: When Earth Turns to Liquid" by Kris Hirschmann

**Focus Skills:** words with r-controlled vowels: ar, er, ir, or, ur and commonly misspelled words, demonstrative adjectives and articles

**Spelling Unit:** Spelling Unit #18 Review Unit (see below)

**Vocabulary** Lesson # 5-3 : *area, combine, composition, firm, ground, mixture, sand, surface, water, wetland*

**Math:**

- Topic #20 and Enrichment
- Students working at their own pace.
  - This may mean your child is working ahead on unlisted chapters...check on their Pearson page for progress

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Google Classroom: Article and Assignments!!
- Code.org ---COURSE #3 The adventure continues!!!

Minecraft Community: **MINECRAFT EDU ROCKS!!**

**Upcoming Events:**

- *January 2015*
  - *Jan. 19th - MLK Day - No School*

Hello Parents,

Well...this week happened...quickly. I can't say I was terribly surprised. This felt like January 2014.

Hopefully next week will go a little better. Snow over the weekend might be interesting.

I was VERY IMPRESSED with the number of super students that continued their work via the Google Classroom from home. I am hopefully sorting out the last few that are having trouble with logging in from home, but PLEASE ask for help (that includes Moms and Dads). The work completed was great. I will NOT mark any assignment late if you and your child were not able to get into Google Classroom Tuesday-Thursday. All articles and quizzes will be extend through next Tuesday. New assignments will be assigned then. All those already done have been working on their Minecraft homes and other class work.

Next week will be productive...if we are in school. We have much to complete. This, along with so much more, is our middle-of-the-year (MOY) assessment time. This means Reading A-Z assessment...me have each student read and answer questions, STAR Reading and Math, and other appropriate assessment of mid-year progress. I won't lie, this isn't my favorite time of year, but it serves a necessary component to determining progress.

I have been enjoying the poster projects already returned to school. For those still needing to complete one, please try to wrap those up this weekend!!

I am hopeful that we have a normal week next week.

Have a great weekend!! :-)

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## Spelling Unit #18

No Pretest...Test on Friday...study

1. alone

2. always

3. one

4. until

5. warm

6. watched

7. wear

8. went

9. when

10. while

11. chance

12. chase

13. house

14. jacket

15. locker

16. neck

17. since

18. ticket

19. castle

20. knee

21. listen

22. whistle

23. wrap

24. wrestle

25. write

26. wrote

27. hour

28. our

29. to

30. too

31. week

32. couldn't

33. hadn't

34. hasn't

35. they're