

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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**Reading:** Review  
**Focus Skills:** Reviewing Skills  
**Spelling Unit:** No Spelling (3 days is too short)  
**Vocabulary Lesson # 4-2 (Review)**

**Math:**

- Introduce Topic #7 Division
- Student working at their own pace.

**Enrichment:** puzzles and other challenges

**Science / Social Studies:**

- EPICS Solar System Visit (Monday)
- Code.org ---COURSE #3 The adventure continues!!!

Minetest: Budget Home Project (build a small house)

**Upcoming Events:**

- Purdue EPICS - Nov. 24th MONDAY!!

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- Th 27 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school
- F 28 Thanksgiving Holiday - No school

Howdy Parents,

It's been yet another week!! Another week has flown past and some much has been going on!!

We've worked out all the problems in our world...JUST KIDDING!! We did however have an interesting week discussing the new ideas about how to avoid losing school days on snow days. We talked about ELearning and the possibilities of technology solutions and alternative activities that students could complete and have that count as a school day. We did determine that opinions are all over the map regarding the possibility of a MineCraft movie. Several of your children have very firm opinions about whether or not a movie should be made. Check out the Google Classroom and read through some of the comments made...you'll be surprised!!

This week also held some fun math activities. We've made great progress with division and the relationship that it shares with multiplication. Many students have flown through the ideas and are far more comfortable that they were starting multiplication!! Many have established an internal drive and are pushing themselves...bravo to all that have developed that drive!!

We concluded this week with the annual career fair! This is a fantastic event that Ms. Mann puts together and coordinates with the help of numerous volunteers and of course the professionals and specialists that volunteer their time to share their careers. We saw interesting demonstrations and equipment as well as heard from people so passionate about their chosen careers. The kids feed off that energy and there were several great mini conversations while we walked through the halls back to the classroom. Beware...sewer inspection robotics was a huge hit...maybe not the tastiest profession, but some amazing technology has entered that field.

Next week is short...very short...3 days short!!! We will have our Monday morning pretty occupied with the visit from the Purdue EPICS group. This was the earliest that they could reschedule their team after the last visit. We aren't planning to have the news media here...just enjoy the great materials and interesting resources they have to share. Tuesday and Wednesday are going to be busy days. We have several of enrichment activities to dive into and a book that the students are truly enjoying. Un Lun Dun is an interesting adventure. It's like a strange twist on Alice in Wonderland...if Wonderland wasn't so wonderful. It's a weird adventure, but well written and a story that has everyone hooked. The student summaries for each reading have been great. They are clearly picking up on the details and the story...albeit a bit odd. I know that I'll be reading quite a bit next week. I have to if we are going to finish in a timely manner...plus I have another book I really wish to read prior to winter break!

Thank you to ALL that have sent in the permission and fee for the Eitlejorg field trip. This is a favorite trip of mine...the museum is really amazing and the artwork fun. Plus the Jingle Rails exhibit is something so fun to see each year!

Also, a thanks to those that have sent in the fleece material for the winter project. We won't start until probably the second week of December. I will send additional reminders about getting material and needing volunteers for a couple hours over the course of several days to complete everyone's blankets. I think this will be a fun and rewarding project. I for one am truly looking forward to it!! If for any reason you are unable to provide fleece for your child, don't worry. Extra can be purchased. I just need to know so that EVERYONE has the materials they need.

Sorry this weeks' news was longer than usual...it's been a busy week.

Have a great weekend!! Be safe, stay warm!! :-)

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