

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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**Reading:** "A Better Way" by Juan Quintana  
**Focus Skills:** verbs ending in -ed and commonly misspelled words, helping verbs, forms of do  
**Spelling Unit:** Spelling Unit #15 (see below)  
**Vocabulary Lesson # 4-3 (Sentences for Homework!)**  
*agriculture, alternative, conservation, crop, farmer, field, future, harvest, method, plow, sustain*

**Math:**

- Topic #8 Division
- 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!!!

Minetest: Budget Home Project (build a small house)

**Upcoming Events:**

NOVEMBER 2014

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

DECEMBER 2014:

- Dec. 4th - Eiteljorg Field Trip (pack a lunch!!)
- Dec. 8th - Fleece for Blankets needs to be in!!

Hello Parents,

I hope that everyone has had a great short week!! This has been just a crazy busy couple of days. Monday was awesome (albeit busy) with a fantastic visit from the EPICS group. This made up for the day that we missed them several weeks ago...and I'll go so far to say that it was worth the wait. We enjoyed a great visit and tons of information. They shared with us the models, information, 3D walk-through/flythrough of the display on campus as well as their outreach materials that include a small display, games and stories, and website materials and games.

I hope that the enthusiasm carried all the way home and you heard something about the visit. The class was very excited and revved up in the afternoon to talk about the visit. We will be completing some survey/questionnaire information to assist the EPICS group. They took many many notes while they were here...and as I told this year's class, the changes made from last year to now are evidence that the suggestions made by last year's students were actually heard.

We've run through several days of focus on the Minetest Final Project. This really is becoming a monstrous project. With two flash drives becoming corrupt and losing data, computers glitching and students panicking...there was really only one logical course of action. The due date has been moved until Dec. 5th. That will give extra time to those that have need. In addition, I will be allowing student to bring home their drives for the long weekend. this will hopefully allow some to complete work and get things done so that we can all start December with a clean slate. I hope this alleviates some of the parental concerns and maybe reduces a bit of stress. We won't have another project like this in 2014.

Our next focus/project will be the fleece baby blankets. Many of you have already sent in your 2 yards of fleece fabric (one yard plain, one yard pattern). For those that haven't yet sent any in...PLEASE try to get that in next week. I need to start scheduling parent volunteers to come and work with small groups to complete their blankets. If you are interested, please let me know. This could be a daily volunteerism of an hour for a couple days until they are complete, or a longer stretch of time if you are available. I will likely have your child with you along with a couple others. I know that some parents have flexible schedules and volunteering is easy...others not so much. It takes a village...no guilt intended.

I promised the class a fun challenge. We watch Charlie Brown Thanksgiving and were talking about Snoopy, Snoopy's amazing doghouse and more. The challenge is to name Snoopy's brother's and sisters....hint there are 8 all together.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful long Thanksgiving weekend.

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

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## Spelling Unit #15

Study for pretest...study for post test

1. once

2. chance

3. face

4. house

5. neck

6. trick

7. jacket

8. since

9. police

10. erase

11. chase

12. bucket

13. ticket

14. locker

15. furnace

16. purpose

17. violence

18. tackle