

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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Reading: *Melt the Snow!* by Marisa Montes
Focus Skills: words with Long i: ie, igh and commonly misspelled words, adjectives and comparison adjectives
Spelling Unit: Spelling Unit #16 (see below)
Vocabulary Lesson # 5-1: *alter, form, freeze, liquid, melt, occur, solid, state, substance, temperature, thermometer, trap*

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!!!

Upcoming Events:

DECEMBER 2014:

- Dec. 8th - Fleece for Blankets needs to be in!!
- Dec. 8th and 9th - Blanket making Extravaganza!

Minetest: DONE...no more!! **MINECRAFT EDU!!**

Hello Parents,

Well...this week was a whirlwind. Of course, my missing Tuesday and Wednesday certainly wiped out parts quicker than normal, but Mrs. French kept me involved working from Indy assigning tests, checking grades, and making adjustments to work online.

Thursday's trip to the Eiteljorg was pretty great. Our class behaved very well, and even received compliments from docents giving tours. The kids ALL enjoyed the Jingle Rails exhibit, this is always an amazing example of craftsmanship and creativity. I'm not sure, but that may have been one of the best parts of the trip. The museum was great for an introduction to the Native American culture, art and some of the history. The docent's tour kept everything on the lighter side of history, focussing on the regions, the decorations and the dwellings. This will lead us nicely to the next research/visual project.

Minetest is over! I have NEVER had flash drives crash and fail like I have had happen this year. I have never seen a flash drive, much less three die and not even be able to reformat and reuse. Minetest has been a struggle...and the effort and the time served are how I will grade. Starting next week we will begin using MinecraftEDU and this will be server based at school. This will be a much more stable and reliable environment...one that should be more interesting and offer more possibilities. We will begin by creating our community. This is going to be a long running experiment/experience that will tie many social studies concepts into one project. We will share using document on the Google classroom/drive and hopefully have photo layouts coming soon.

The fleece blankets have started. Today was AMAZING!! Students, on their own, got started and some working alone and others working in pairs completed 9 blankets. My concerns about finishing by Wednesday have been abated!! I believe that this will all come together and we will be done in time to donate to the Salvation representatives Wednesday.

Have a great weekend!! :-)

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Spelling Unit #16

Study for pretest...study for post test

1. knife

2. know

3. wrong

4. write

5. wrote

6. listen

7. Christmas

8. knee

9. knight

10. knock

11. wrap

12. wrestle

13. castle

14. whistle

15. wristwatch

16. knowledge

17. doorknob

18. hustle