

Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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Reading: "Saved in Ice"

Focus Skills: words with Long u: ui, ue and commonly misspelled words, irregular comparison adjectives, adjectives and articles

Spelling Unit: Spelling Unit #17 (see below)

Vocabulary Lesson # 5-2 (review...same words): *alter, form, freeze, liquid, melt, occur, solid, state, substance, temperature, thermometer, trap*

Math:

- Topic #8 Division...final finish up
- 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:

DECEMBER 2014:

- Dec. 18th - Native American rough draft DUE
- Dec. 19th - Book Projects due

Hello Parents,

Wow...the weeks keep flying by so FAST!! Actually...it didn't feel fast...we were just so busy. There have been good choices of Native American dwelling to research, the beginnings of a Minecraft community, and the usual fun activities and creations.

The students have a Native American dwelling research project that has begun. The rough draft is on the Google Classroom and will be due next Thursday. This is a VERY guided rough draft outline that demands certain information. We will use this outline/rough draft to create a final draft. This will be a tough project, especially bridging the winter break, but I think it will be worth the experience.

Minecraft EDU ROCKS!!! This may be one of my favorite new "toys" for our classroom. Although there has been a learning curve, for the teacher, I pick up technology pretty quick. The concept of the project is simple....build a community. The students have started their homes. These are whatever they can dream up. Some are very realistic...others are headed into the outlandish. All are coming along great. The goal next week will be for each student to have 30-40 per day build time. When we return from winter break, the next stage of the project will continue. Students will work collaboratively to create community and government structures and identify needs in a community. They will work out transportation, safety, etc. This will tie into writing, math, social studies, and probably science as we work on creating our own world. I hope that through this creation experience the student will begin to see the needs and design of real communities.

Next week will be a catch up week. There will be spelling, some language arts and reading, but focus will be on wrapping up math, book projects and research rough drafts. In between that we will try to have a little fun....wrapping up before winter break.

Make sure you read your email. Once again our awesome video mom created an amazing video to share the blanket project. This really was a fun project, and it was so wonderful to donate with four others classes over 100 blankets to families served by the Salvation Army. The kids all seemed to enjoy the project, and I have heard about several blanket project at homes...fun stuff!!

Have a great weekend!! :-)

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Spelling Unit #17

Study for pretest...study for post test

1. there

2. their

3. hour

4. our

5. to

6. too

7. two

8. tail

9. tale

10. hole

11. whole

12. weak

13. week

14. soar

15. sore

16. boarder

17. border

18. they're