

# Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade News / Curriculum

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**Reading:** Please read over the break!!

This won't sound fun, but get a head start on book projects!!! Use the online book project form, print sheets that can be filled out.

**Math:**

- Use Xtramath
- Use MobyMax
- Coding counts as Math...do it too!!

**Science / Social Studies:**

- MINECRAFT EDU projects continue in January.

**Upcoming Events:**

*DECEMBER 2014:*

- Dec. 22 Winter break begins

*JANUARY 2015*

- Jan. 5 School Resumes
- Jan. 19 - MLK Day - No School

Hello Parents,

Wow, the semester is complete! It's been a busy year so far...so much that we've done...so much still to do!!

I look forward to a busy Spring semester. We have several projects to continue (Native american homes, Minecraft community, and more). We have several projects to start (Iditarod, advanced programming, and SO MUCH more!!). We should be busy, engaged and having fun through May...I just hope I can fit it all in!!

Over the break I would ask a COUPLE small things. Please try to keep your child reading! Have them work through at least one book, two would be better. Try to get a couple book projects out of the way...get a head start.

Another "head start" activity that might be good over the break is the Native American dwellings. If you and your child have decided to make a model to accompany their final project...this would be an EXCELLENT time to dive into that endeavor.

As for other notes...I don't have much to say except to have a wonderful break. Enjoy the holidays, have fun traveling and try to rest up and rejuvenate for 2015. We've had a crazy busy year. Some students have had struggles with completing assignments, others have been overwhelmed with the expectations. I hope that this break will allow for time to let the lessons and experiences from fall 2014 to sink into your child's brain. We sometimes don't appreciate time to reflect and allow our thoughts to process. I hope that this can be such a time for your children.

**One small project/assignment to complete over the break:**

We will be teaming with at least one other 3rd grade for "Genius Hour" experiences in the Spring (<http://www.geniushour.com/what-is-genius-hour/>). This is a movement toward discovery and investigative learning. This will have some limits...but hopefully we will have fun. The little project is explained on the sheet attached to the poster. Please help your child complete this poster before he/she returns in January. This will help us create like-interest groups for a more positive program experience.

Have a great winter break. Happy Holidays, Safe Travels, Happy New Year!!! :-)

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