

# Brantley Classroom News

Cumberland Elementary

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## Third Grade News / Curriculum

**Date:** 10-24-2014

**Reading:** "A Protected Place" by Elizabeth Sengel  
**Focus Skills:** long and short vowels and commonly misspelled words, count and noncount nouns  
**Spelling Unit: 11 (see below)**  
**Vocabulary Lesson # 3-2 (Review):** blossom, characteristic, conditions, cycle, depend, growth, produce, root, seed, soil, sprout

### Math:

#### Unit #6 Multiplication Fact Strategies

- Student working at their own pace.
- Facts (3-8)...practice practice!!

### Science / Social Studies:

- Plant Diversity
- Protected Animal or Place
- Piggyback Plants
- Minetest: Area & Square Footage (build a small house)

### Upcoming Events:

TBD – visit to Purdue  
Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> Fall Break

Hello Parents!!!

Truly every week is very different. This week has been another great work week, and you should be proud of the hard work your kids have completed in class. I maintain a consistent level of pressure that each student complete work and keep organized each day. This is something that some students struggle with, but each day they do grow a little and each week they do usually get better.

Four days is rough for me...I value every hour and every minute of each day...and we have two four day weeks in a row....YIKES. Next week will be great! Four days will be enough...barely.

We didn't get to the second Minetest project this week...but it's top of my list for next week. This will be a fun project. Students will build a building (there will be some requirements about size and number of rooms), then they will work through each room and calculate the area/square footage. This will be a fun way to tie those two concepts together and let the class build something more substantial in their Minetest world.

Reading / Literacy groups start next week!! This means that every student will NEED to be reading. I have been talking this week about students trying to tackle something substantial. This is NOT saying that every needs to read Tolstoy or Shakespeare...I don't judge a book by it's size...BUT lets say that stepping up the level is appropriate. No one in this class should be limiting their scope...this is a great time to expand and read for fun!! I look forward to discussions and journaling.

We will be hopefully hosting the Purdue EPICS group in the next week or two...maybe the first week of November. This will be a GREAT experience. The material they bring about the Solar System and the ties to mathematics and history are great!!

Have a great LONG weekend!! Enjoy the cool weather!!

## Spelling List #11

Spelling List	Pretest Monday (study if you wish) Posttest Friday (STUDY !!!!)
1. still	10. winter
2. with	11. tight
3. his	12. sight
4. bright	13. fly
5. might	14. sky
6. my	15. pumpkin
7. why	16. nightmare
8. visit	17. lightning
9. picnic	18. recycle

