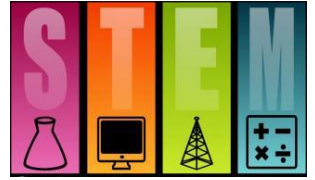


Brantley3rd Grade Classroom News

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Third Grade: News / Curriculum

Date:12-14-2012

Reading: Two Bear Cubs

Focus Skills: Compare and Contrast

Spelling Unit: 17 (see below)

Vocabulary Lesson #17: awe, concentration, glancing, scolding, console, heroic, drowsy, burden, dilemma, commendable

Math:

Topic 5:

Multiplication Meanings and Facts, repeated addition, arrays and multiplication, writing multiplication stories, 2 and 5 factors, 10 as a factor, 9 as a factor, multiplying with 0 and 1.

Science / Social Studies:

- Time Life for Kids
- Science Weekly
- Social studies - Communities
- RoboMind tasks/lessons – specific tasks
- Robot programming – LEGO robotics

Upcoming Events:

- Jan. 15th – 3rd grade musical (Group A)
- Jan. 16th – Report Cards
- Jan. 21st – MLK Day NO SCHOOL
- Feb. 18th – NO SCHOOL (Snow Makeup)

Hello Parents,

We're Back!! It's 2013 and we're here!! ...or as the students figured out 2^{11-35} (2 to the 11th power minus 35). This was a fun reminder of exponents and basic number sense.

We've really gotten off to a busy start. This week has seen several writing projects, new stories, chess and new robots. It's been a busy week! We have continued a writing project from prior to winter break...a version of Red Riding hood (on Google Doodles). This tied nicely with this week's story: Lon Po Po (a Chinese version). Our second writing project is a journal/narrative about each student's winter vacation.

The 3d printer has been running non-stop printing chess pieces. The class has developed a passion for the game. I even created a 4-person version to add some challenge to the seasoned players. This board is bigger and there are four colors of pieces...one crazy game!!

A slightly late present from the HS robotics team arrived over break...Sphero robotic ball. This robotic ball is controlled by either an iPad, iPhone or Android tablet. I put together a board and mini competition for the students...and so far they are having a BLAST!!

With Mrs. Hollis' class we are nearing completion of our latest book: Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of NIMH . This will lead us to our next adventure...The Number Devil.

Thank you for everyone's thoughts and participation in the annual Johnny Cash impersonation contest (everyone dressed in black)...that was fun and funny! Thank you all!!

Have a great weekend!!

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Directions for 3rd grading period Book Projects:

- Students will complete 5 required book projects between January 14th and March 8th. These will each be worth approximately 10 points toward their reading grades.
- Each project will consist of five basic elements:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Title & Author/Illustrator• Characters: with descriptions for each• Setting: describing EACH setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Important Events: this should include SEVERAL complete sentences about the story• Problem/Solution: CLEAR descriptions...COMPLETE sentences
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- Each element WILL BE WRITTEN NEATLY and in COMPLETE sentences.
- Each element will have clearly written thoughts and descriptions
- Students will turn in projects as they are completed throughout the grading period
- Projects can be written or created on computer/digitally. Youtube videos are acceptable, but MUST contain all five elements with complete descriptions. PowerPoints can be emailed directly or delivered via flash drive media.
- These five projects are ONLY a part of reading grades and cannot be doubled with other assignments for any other subject.
- See: www.mrbrantley.weebly.com and choose the "Book Projects" tab at the top for more ideas.

The screenshot shows the website for Mr. Brantley's 3rd Grade. The header is red with the text "Mr. Brantley's 3rd Grade" and a search bar. Below the header is a navigation menu with links: Home, News Blog, Calendar, Assignments, Book Projects, ISTEP Resources and Practice, Class Links, WebQuests, and Lego Robotics. The main content area has a red background and features the following text:

Book Project Directions/Parameters: (5 projects due by March 8th)

- **Title & Author/Illustrator: with clear descriptions**
- **Characters: with descriptions for each**
- **Setting: describing EACH setting**
- **Important Events: this should include SEVERAL complete sentences about the story**
- **Problem/Solution: CLEAR descriptions...COMPLETE sentences**

Each book project should include ALL the above points. If creating a diorama please include a written page to accompany the visual portion. Making inferences and carry ideas from the story is acceptable. Have FUN!!!

Book Project Ideas: (more below)

Pyramid Fold: (use as pyramid or use inside like triangular diorama. This is also cool to combine with multiple pyramid folds to make several diorama scenes.

Trifold: This is your familiar brochure type information sheet. Students like this because it offers a simple quick way to color, write, and crank our a project.

Spelling List # 17

Spelling List

PreTest Monday,
Friday Test...study study study!!!

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

