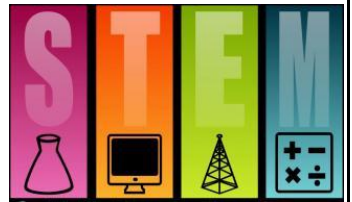


Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade: News / Curriculum

Date: 2-21-14

Reading: "Carving Stories in Cedar" by Kristine F. Anderson

Focus Skills: words with oi, oy, ou, ow and commonly misspelled words, demonstrative pronouns

Spelling Unit: 24 - REVIEW (See Below)

Vocabulary Lesson # 6-3 (NEW!!): artist, carve, communicate, generation, preservation, process, represent, storyteller, tale, tradition, wood

Math: (Whole Class Instruction)

Unit 7 Division Meanings

07-00 Division Meanings Introduction

07-01 Number Sense: Division as Sharing

07-02 Number Sense: Understanding Remainders

07-03 Number Sense: Division as Repeated Subtraction

07-04 Number Sense: Writing Division Stories

07-05 Problem Solving: Use Objects and Draw a Picture

Science

- E-Studies

Social Studies:

- TFK
- Iditarod: begin planning for tracking

Upcoming Events:

March 14th – End of 3rd grading period

BBQ Groundhog (I haven't forgiven the groundhog...just couldn't find another good looking recipe)

Hello Parents,

A FULL week! Holy Toledo Batman!! We made it through a full week! I can't believe it! It's amazing...it's incredible...it's, it's, it's...the way it should be! Even though we are ALL tired after a full week...I think it's been a great week and I know that we completed much more this week than we have in the past several weeks.

We have made some great headway on our big class project. The Sun Coaster/Gulf Coaster cross design (<http://www.americanspeedster.com/>) pedal cart is on its way! I have had so many helpers and so many assembly goofiness...but so far we have gotten things sorted out and it's all coming along well. I have been handling the PVC gluing (trying to avoid kids in the room when I glue pieces...it's just a nasty smelling glue. This should be a fun project that I hope we will wrap up before Spring Break.

The Totem Pens have finished. This was a fantastic project, and I hope to wrap up stories in the next week. The class are all very proud of their pens. Mrs. Bowers stopped in and she was literally surrounded by nearly the entire class wanting to share their pen designs with her. She was impressed and was thrilled to see their enthusiasm! The next project might get a little fishy...literally...FISH!! This has no real connection to anything else, but I found a cool looking "Air-aquarium" concept...though it might get us in a more tropical mood.

We are approaching a couple of important testing windows. I do not say this because I believe these test are particularly important...Yale and Harvard aren't looking at ISTEP scores...but I want to make sure we are all on the same page. March 3rd -10th will be our first section of the ISTEP+ testing. This is the paper and pencil applied skills. We will write, read and write out math solutions. We are prepared...this I believe. March 11th-14th will be our window for the IREAD-3 assessment. This is an online assessment that will look at reading, reading skills, and some language arts/sentence structure types of questions. We are very ready for this assessment! All of our weekly quizzes have prepared the students for a similar format and very similar type of read and respond pattern. What I would ask of ALL families is to maintain your good routines. I know that many students are already stressed about the boogiemans known as ISTEP. There really isn't anything to fear...but sometimes our actions as adults create stressed inadvertently. As much as it would seem a great idea to prepare your child a big beautiful breakfast on ISTEP days...this change can instill more stress. Stability and normalcy are what we NEED for the next couple weeks. If you feel the need to paint the town red or have a finished with section I of ISTEP party on the 14th...that would be great...let's all try to keep this next couple weeks normal and positive.

Have a Great Weekend and we will see you Monday...btw snow in forecast for Sunday/Monday (YUCK!)

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Spelling List #24 REVIEW

Spelling List

Friday TEST ONLY!!!

1. hammer

2. happen

3. ladder

4. lesson

5. letter

6. little

7. middle

8. million

9. puddle

10. rabbit

11. good

12. noise

13. oil

14. point

15. pull

16. put

17. royal

18. voice

19. clue

20. glue

21. move

22. movie

23. study

24. summer

25. true

26. chalk

27. lawn

28. walking

29. again

30. believe

31. night

32. people

33. said

34. thought

35. tried

