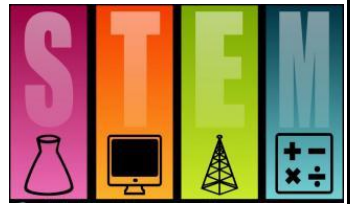


Brantley Classroom News

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Third Grade: News / Curriculum

Date: 10-04-2013

Reading: "Megafish Man" by Michael Sandler
Focus Skills: consonant blends and commonly misspelled words, dependent and independent clause and compound sentences, pronunciation
Spelling Unit: 8 (...see below)
Vocabulary Lesson # 2-3 (Review): competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature, negative, positive, resources, river

Math: (Whole Class Instruction)
Unit 4: Subtracting Whole numbers to Solve Problems
04-01 Subtraction: Models for Subtracting 2-Digit Numbers,
04-02 Subtraction: Subtracting 2-Digit Numbers,
04-03 Subtraction: Models for Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers,
04-04 Subtraction: Subtracting 3-Digit Numbers,
04-05 Subtraction: Subtracting Across Zero,
04-06 Problem Solving: Draw a Picture and Write a Number Sentence
Help your child online with the practice and quizzes...these are GREAT review for the topic tests!!

Science / Social Studies:

- Comparing Ecosystems
- Summary
- Freaky Frogs
- Science: **How do light and matter interact?**

Upcoming Events:

- Oct. 11th-15th Cumberland BOOK FAIR!!!
- Oct. 16th – 5 BOOK PROJECTS DUE!!
- Oct. 25th and 28th – Fall break

Hello Parents,

Another week flies by...and I don't know about you...but I'M TIRED!!! This really has been a great week. Science took us through discussion and even a little experimentation with energy and waves. We looked at sound waves using a computer based oscilloscope. This showed the wave, the crest and trough, and started to explain the wavelength...this may still be a fuzzy concept with some☺

This week also began the work on next week's celebration of Bully Free Unity Day! This is an initiative sponsored by the Indiana Pacers: <http://www.pacer.org/bullying/nbpm/unity-day.asp>. This week we created door designs and voted as a class on the one design that best reflected the message that Cumberland is and always should be bully free. Next we will be recreating this 8.5"x11" design on our door for school-wide voting next Wednesday. PLEASE help remind your child that they will want to wear orange next Wednesday as a show of unity and support for a bully-free school.

Next week will be busy with door decorations, book fair previews and our normal curriculum and class work!! I hope that everyone is TRYING to read and complete their last needed BOOK PROJECTS!! With the countdown for this first grading period drawing ever near...I do not want to see anyone lose points because they didn't get any book projects completed...and for those beyond the required 5 projects, get extra points to help.

An update on the 'coins' you may have heard about. For the month of September our class was "caught being good" ninety-six times (96) and students collected those coins in a school-wide contest. For third grade I think our class did VERY well, but unfortunately the kindergarteners are too cute, and the winning class held 140 coins by the end of September. Our class and I have been thinking about a cute-ness compensation formula. Maybe third graders need a multiplier to compensate?! I mean Indiana thrives on formula for compensation...there could be an interesting math lesson there?!!

Have a WONDERFUL weekend!! I hope that some of you will attend the Feast of the Hunter's Moon, but whatever you do...enjoy the weekend and make sure to return Monday ready to go for a busy great week!!

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Spelling List #8

Spelling List

Study for Monday Pretest...
Post-test on Friday!!

1. many

10. busy

2. any

11. Halloween

3. seem

12. asleep

4. deep

13. secret

5. week

14. even

6. idea

15. trophy

7. video

16. referee

8. city

17. torpedo

9. lucky

18. activity

