

# *Brantley Classroom News*

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STEM to STEAM

## Third Grade: News / Curriculum

**Date:** 10-17-2014

**Reading:** "America's Sproutings" by Pat Mora

- Three haiku poems tell about amazing foods.

**Focus Skills:** multisyllabic words and commonly misspelled words, count nouns, multiple meaning words

**Spelling Unit: 10 (see below)**

**Vocabulary Lesson # 3-1 (New):** blossom, characteristic, conditions, cycle, depend, growth, produce, root, seed, soil, sprout

**Math:**

**Unit #6** Multiplication Fact Strategies

- Introduction and beginning lessons

**Science / Social Studies:**

- Agriculture and Crops
- Haiku
- Sweet Harvest
- 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!!!

This week has been an interesting week! We have completed the Minetest Perimeter assignments!!! (Finally). My hope was that the learning curve we experienced won't be as intense as we begin our second project. Students will receive instructions Monday and we will get a good start next week!

The TinkerCAD lessons are also almost complete...at least the necessary lessons. This means that the second class project will be starting soon. This is great...and I hope that everyone will enjoy continuing with this fun program.

We all said goodbye to Stas today. His family was only planning to be here for approximately 2 months. They will be traveling across the west for a couple weeks before returning to Poland. He will be missed. Hopefully this will open the opportunity for this class to continue communication with Stas via email and possibly Skype.

Next week will be a short week with only four days. Fall break will be Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> and Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>. This will be a Friday through Monday break...the first time in years we've had four days!!! I hope everyone is planning for some family time and maybe a short vacation!

Report cards are in process. As I accumulate the final grades and input everything into Harmony I will be preparing and printing the Cumberland Report card forms. These shouldn't be too big a surprise if you've been following your child's progress via Harmony.

I've enjoyed meeting with the parents that have requested conferences. These are a great time to talk and update you on both the academic and other qualities that I see in your children. These conferences were by no means required...only offered as this is the first grading period conclusion. I am always willing to meet with parents if there are concerns or questions about school and learning.

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

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# Spelling List #10

Spelling List

Pretest Monday (study if you wish)  
Posttest Friday (STUDY !!!!)

1. *body*

2. *socks*

3. *gold*

4. *most*

5. *ago*

6. *coat*

7. *toast*

8. *monster*

9. *collar*

10. *Ohio*

11. *hello*

12. *road*

13. *coach*

14. *load*

15. *fossil*

16. *potato*

17. *volleyball*

18. *oatmeal*