

Brantley Classroom News

Cumberland Elementary
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STEM to STEAM

Third Grade: News / Curriculum

Date: 8-15-2014

Reading: "Those Shoes" by Maribeth Boelts
Focus Skills: short a and o and commonly misspelled words, nouns
Spelling Unit: 1 (see word list below)
Vocabulary Lesson # 1-1: action, difference, gift, kindness, need, problem, receive, solution, understand, value, want

Math:
Unit 1: Numeration Introduction, Hundreds, Number: Thousands, Greater Numbers, Ways to Name Numbers, Comparing Numbers, Ordering Numbers, Counting Money, Making Change, Problem Solving: Make an Organized List

Science / Social Studies:

- Individual Responsibility
- Children's Forest (National Geographic Reader)

Upcoming Events:
August 19th - **Parent Meeting 3rd Grade (4-5pm)**
August 21st - Parent Council Coffee
Sept 1st - Labor Day (No School)

Hello Parents!

It's hard to believe how quickly three days can pass! We are started into the 2014-2015 school year...and so far all is well! I have begun several beginning of the year assessments. Many of the students perceived them as tests...but I assured them that these "tests" are not graded, but instead are informative to placement in reading groups, strategy and skill development in mathematics, and data for our school. I hope to wrap up the majority of my assessments early next week.

We have already plunged into a little science, a little technology, and some fun team building activities. Thursday we looked at NASA's SOHO website. This site focusses on the Solar Heliospheric observations that the SOHO satellite records of our sun...A.K.A our closest star. We were able to confirm many of these observations ourselves using the class 8" Dobsonian telescope with a white light filter and using the new class Hydrogen Alpha telescope. These allowed the students to look and observe the sun...FUN STUFF!! We will continue these observations and beginning recording data and findings later this fall.

The class has begun their use of the Google apps and tools that WL Schools uses. We logged in to Chrome books today and explored the class website. This was a great start, and made sure that everyone's login was working. We will continue with technology next week using the Chrome books and classroom computers for some early research and information.

This short week has been a really great way to get started. We didn't dive directly into reading, language arts, spelling and mathematics, but instead have eased into some of the routines and procedures. Next week will be something far closer to a "normal" week. We will begin the week with reading and vocabulary. I will explain the process and procedures of spelling and how they will be using Spellingcity and the advantages therein. We will also start in our language arts and math books...busy busy!!

The class has been great so far...I am looking forward to a really great school year!!
Have a great safe weekend. Get some rest and don't forget to come back Monday!!!

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Spelling List #1

Spelling List

Pretest on Monday...100% means no Friday test...study study study!!

1. scared
2. left
3. scarf
4. soft
5. score
6. gift
7. dry
8. drink
9. dream
10. bank
11. drum
12. think
13. dragon
14. thank
15. drawer
16. aircraft
17. scanner
18. prank

Parent and Students,
You can find ALL the spelling lists for the entire school year on www.spellingcity.com
Your child has a login already (firstname-lastname) and a password already set for them to use the site. We will use this site for pretest and Friday's spelling test.

This site will also be used for practice and quizzes for the NGConnect vocabulary words.

Next week's list is "**NG Vocabulary 1-1**"

