

Brantley Classroom News

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STEM to STEAM

Third Grade: News / Curriculum

Date: 9-26-2014

Reading: "Animals, More or Less" by Mike Thaler
Focus Skills: words with diagraphs ck, sh and commonly misspelled words, kinds of sentences, syllables
Spelling Unit: 7 (...see below)
Vocabulary Lesson # 2-3 (review): competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature, negative, positive, resources, river

Math:

Unit #5 Multiplication

- Working with arrays
- Graphing multiplication problems
- Area/square footage

Science / Social Studies:

- Profile of an Ecosystem
- Restoring Nature's Balance
- The Pack is Back
- Science: a little fun outside with cannons

Upcoming Events:

TBD – visit to Purdue

Sept. 26th – Family Math night and Book Fair
6pm-8pm

Oct. 15th – 5 BOOK PROJECTS DUE!!

Oct. 24th and 27th Fall Break

Hello Parents,

This week was a busy of a different kind. We really worked hard on many minor projects...and some students got to dive into some of the very cool new projects.

Google classroom assignments have been great this week. We tied the DogoNews article directly to our reading...All about the Yellowstone Wolves and their eradication in the 1920's and their return in the 1990's. This was a great lesson on the balance in an ecosystem. We will continue with some other examples next week in our reading. This has been a powerful lesson and something that I think everyone started to really feel passionate about. Even if the wolves were dangerous...it affected so many other animals when they were removed from the Yellowstone ecosystem. Their return has helped far more than their removal ever did.

TinkerCAD lessons have been flying along. I encourage everyone to try at home and share their projects and ideas on the tinkercad site. I do need to talk with a few students about possibly getting their own accounts so that they can create their amazing creations...our classroom TinkerCAD account is a little bogged down with creative projects...that will not be printed. If you are so inclined to help your child get an account set up... www.TinkerCAD.com is completely free and is a pretty amazing basic CAD program.

Check out some of the first printed projects from our class:



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Spelling List #7

Spelling List

NO PRETEST!!!! This is a review week, so EVERYONE will take the Friday quiz.

1. smell
2. then
3. together
4. getting
5. head
6. ready
7. instead
8. fresh
9. spelling

10. else
11. breakfast
12. dead
13. feather
14. bread
15. arrest
16. pretend
17. heavier
18. jealous

Name: _____ Date: _____

NEWNG Vocabulary Sentences # 2-3** NEW**

- Write ONE sentence for each vocabulary word...you may need to look these words up to find their meaning...

competition, drought, ecosystem, food chain, level, nature,
negative, positive, resources, river