

# Brantley Classroom News

Cumberland Elementary  
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Third Grade News / Curriculum

Dec. 22 to Jan. 6 Winter Break Newsletter

**Reading:** Reader, Scholastic News, National Geographic  
**Focus Skills:** DLR: Sentence structure, spelling, syllabication, adjectives, base words, abbreviations, combining sentences context clues and correcting sentences.  
**Spelling Unit:** ...coming in 2019  
**Wordly Wise:** ...coming in 2019

**Math:** Various math topics...a little winter fun!!

- **Visit Sumdog, Prodigy math play some math games!**
- **Do some coding: Code.org, Lightbot, Scratch, etc**
- **Work on Xtramath**
- **Explore math on ThatQuiz.org**

**Science / Social Studies:**

- **Google Classroom: Assignments!!**
  - ...coming in 2019

**Social Studies/History:**

- ...coming in 2019

**Upcoming Events:**  
**DECEMBER 2018**

- *21st - End of first Semester!!*

**JANUARY 2019**

- *7th - 2nd Semester Begins*

<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/news-blog>

Hello Parents,

And we are done with first semester. That was a whirlwind finish...but all good!!

We have completed many good things this semester. I look forward to many more in the 2nd semester. After multiple 3D printing projects, MinecraftEDU math concepts and budget homes, lasering tiles and other great projects and lessons, spring semester will be even greater! We kick off with some great reading leading up to a Purdue convocation.

This morning (Friday) we shared a presentation with Mr. Stahl's classroom. A parent visited and showed the class some great science. It's great when we get hands on experiences...and better when they are related to real research. Microbes and bacteria were the topic today! This is cool stuff!! The kids had a blast and learned a bunch...and on the last day before break!!!

We completed the book Mr. Stink and watched the short film. The film was directed by the author...and is surprisingly true to the story. This was a fun calm conclusion to a busy week. I always try to remember to read aloud during these last weeks of school before winter break. It's a busy time, but it's also a time to remember to take a little slow time. The class was hungry for a good story. There were near tears as we hit the toughest parts of the book. When Mr. Stink tells his story...I watched several heads turn away and there were noticeable sniffles (I love that they were so into the story...that investment that resulted in tears...tells me they were tuned in and listen well!!)

The class was able to meet our spring cadet teacher from West Lafayette HS. Ms. Bigalow is a senior planning to attend school for elementary education. The Cadet Teacher program is one of many special programs offered to primarily seniors in their last year/semester. This is an opportunity for a young possible future teacher to learn about some of what teaching will be like. We will have Ms. Bigalow with us for the spring every afternoon.

With work done, book done and video watched I bid everyone a happy and restful winter break!! Have a great winter break!!!

**Assignments page:** <https://sites.google.com/wl.k12.in.us/assignmentsrm35/home>

**BOOK PROJECTS:**

**5 projects due EACH grading period. That means 5 due by Dec. 20th.**

**<http://mrbrantley.weebly.com/book-projects.html>**

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Spelling Unit# ...coming in 2019

~~Pretest Monday, Test Friday~~

**Wordly Wise Lesson #8 Review - ...coming in 2019**

\*\*\*These words will NOT be on spelling,  
but will be used for meaning and sentence creation\*\*\*

contain, digest, finicky, habit, hinge,  
marsh, nursery, rely, spine, thrive