

THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER September 21, 2009 To September 25, 2009

Announcements:

- Casino Night: Our class basket is grilling; donations are due by Oct. 9th.
- Portraits are September 28th and 30th. Please refer to the handouts your child brought home earlier in the week.
- We have a field trip to the pumpkin patch later in October.
- The Friday before Fall Break we will work on our Casino Night project. Please let me know if your child will not be here. I also will need parent volunteers for this activity.

Please email me at

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if you have concerns, questions, or to set up a conference.

Math:

The chapter 3 test on subtraction is Wednesday, Sept. 30th. Our next topic is adding and subtracting larger numbers.

Social Studies:

Students are working on Native American projects. Students will finish these on Monday and present the information to their classmates. We are also continuing our Native American unit in our books.

Religion:

Last week we discussed women of faith in Chapter 4. This week we are going to continue that discussion and have the Chapter 4 quiz on Wednesday, September 30th.

Science:

We are still discussing animals (Chapter 2 in our science book). We are doing several projects to understand more about life cycles, what animals need, and how animals get what they need.

We are going to continue our discussion of animals with classifications, such as fish, mammal, etc.

English:

We are working on parts of sentences and how to correct problems in sentences. We will have the Unit 1 test on Friday, Oct. 2nd.

Spelling Unit 7:

Spelling words this week are spring, throw, strong, three, straight, scream, stream, spray, screen, street, spread, string, glad, start, strength and struggle. Six additional words will come from our reading groups.

Reading:

Reading groups are on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The groups are working on different stories in their Reading books. This week it is either *Herbie and Annabelle* or *Brave as a Mountain Lion*. We are also continuing *Because of Winn Dixie* as a class on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I also encourage you to have your child read at home both silently and aloud.

Class Project: Third Grade has taken on a class project! Our class project incorporates lessons from science, social studies and math. We are collecting empty CapriSun pouches. We then send the pouches back to CapriSun and they are recycled into new products. If you drink these at home, please save them and have your student bring them to school. By sending these pouches in we are also raising money for our school. If you would like more detailed information, please go to the website www.terracycle.net.

Birthdays:

October 20- Lily Moss

October 22- Trey Dorsey

October 23- Madelyn Bissell