

3RD GRADE CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 13

Reminders

Annual Fund Fall Drive: This month we are highlighting our Annual Fund, a very important fundraiser for our school. The goal is to raise \$200,000 during this month. There are all kinds of fun prizes with the goal of 100% participation.

Lunches of Love: Thank you for your donations. We will continue to collect lunches through the month of October.

Mid-tri Progress Reports: Mid-tri progress reports will be sent home on this Friday, Oct. 17th with their Fall MAP scores. Please make sure to sign the envelope and return it to school. Thank you!

Coats: Make sure your child has a warm, hooded, waterproof coat available to wear at school especially for recess.



Homework

- Read 20 minutes everyday and fill in log
- Cursive sheet on Tuesday and due Thursday.
- Math worksheet most nights
- Spelling homework is due on Thursday and test is on Friday

Upcoming dates

- No dates this week



Spelling Words

Our pattern this week is: *long i* and *long u*

right, cube, pie, mule, tight, sky,
music, tied, child, fry, cute, drew,
bright, grind, few

Challenge words: vertebrate, reptile

Star this week: Fenwick
Star for next week: Danilo

THIS WEEK WE ARE LEARNING:

Reading: Students begin novel units this week using The Boxcar Children & Mr. Popper's Penguins. Throughout the units, students will build comprehension, vocabulary, decoding and fluency skills. This week, we focus on using complete sentences in written responses as we identify story elements.

Language Arts

Grammar: Our focus for the week is on nouns. Students learn the difference between concrete and abstract nouns. We also review proper vs common nouns.

Handwriting: We continue our study of CURSIVE! This week we will practice writing lower case *h* and *k*. A practice sheet will come home on **Tuesday** and will be due **Thursday**. It is important that they are tracing each letter carefully and forming the letter correctly. Thanks for helping your child with this extra cursive practice.

Writing: Students are getting really good at writing detailed sentences that include prepositional phrases. This week we write a detailed paragraph about Fall using interesting adjectives and verbs.

Math: We begin a short unit on subtraction. Students solve 4 digit subtraction problems that involve regrouping. Subtraction with regrouping can be very tricky and involves many steps. Please help your child check their work at home.

Science: Students learn how life cycles work and that they have common steps of birth, growth, and death. We work on a mini research project where students pick their own animal life cycle to create a book about.

Social Studies: We finish up our unit on geography and learn the first two regions states. Students will come home with a study guide for their geography unit this week and will have a test at the end of next week.

Religion: Students learn the "Come, Holy Spirit" prayer and learn about the mysteries of the Rosary.

