



3M Post Its

Mrs. Meyer's Third Grade Newsletter May/June 2019



Language Arts

We have completed reading the historical fiction novel, Sarah, Plain and Tall and maintained an interactive reading notebook throughout which we will share with you in June. We loved this story, delving deep into the text in search of main events, supporting details and figurative language. We had great fun creating ads for a wife just as Papa did in the novel. You can check them out next week at our tea.

This week we will start our last writing bend of the year: creating an adaptation of a fairy tale. We'll begin by writing with the help of flow charts. After we write several drafts, we will narrow down to one and hone it to the best of our ability, drawing on all the writing techniques we have practiced this year.

In Readers Workshop we will partner-read fairy tales, with an emphasis on noticing the moods the author creates with dialogue. We will practice reading aloud with the appropriate intonation and expression. We also return to Book Clubs, so be sure your child completes his/her required reading each night. This guarantees preparation for book club discussion the

next day. Following this unit, we will work in small groups to conduct an analysis of Jack Prelutsky's poetry. We will try our hand at some original poetry as well.

We will also begin a brief author study of Patricia Polacco shortly. The topics are heavier than any we have read this year, but the children are ready for them, and will be hanging on to every word. Her stories take us to the Civil War battlefields, the deep South for Sunday dinners, and occupied France during WWII.



Social Studies

We just completed our Jamestown unit - the final community we study in third grade. We will briefly explore the start of the American Revolution while reading our next historical novel: 5 Smooth Stones. Our trip to Waterloo Village should be a wonderful culminating activity for our year of community studies.

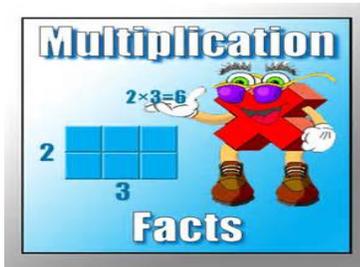


Science

This week begins our unit on force and motion. This unit will include many quick labs in school to make concepts and vocabulary come to life. We will work in partners and small groups as we read books on simple machines, and follow instructions to conduct labs independently. This budding knowledge will then be applied to the invention your child should be working on at home.

(Invention info went home earlier). Please help your child pay close attention to due dates!

Math



We are actually winding down in our math books. We are completing a unit on scaled graphs and will then move into calculating area and perimeter. Keep practicing multiplication facts at home – they are easily forgotten at this age without frequent reinforcement. Pop quizzes will continue!

Your child can always access our text book online. There are activities, games, videos, review pages and even the homework if your child fails to bring it home! The web site is: connected.mcgraw-hill.com. Your child's user name is: first initial, last name24. The password is: onlinemath24. This is a great resource for your child.



Religion

We will be discussing the Kingdom of God and our call to serve, in addition to continuing to celebrate and discuss the Easter season. We will crown Mary throughout the month of May. Soon we will move into the Family Life portion of our curriculum.

Odds and Ends

Thursday, May 9^h is the Science simple machine mid-point due date. Your child needs to hand in his/her invention plan and diagram on this date. This plan will be graded.

I look forward to seeing all moms at our **Mother's Day Tea**. Be prepared to be loved!! It will be held on **Friday, May 10th at 1:15** sharp in our 3M classroom.

Tuesday, May 21st is our **class trip** to Waterloo Village. Please send a **COMPLETELY DISPOSABLE** lunch and drink in a disposable bag that day. Thank you to all chaperones who have sent in their payment. More details will follow soon.

NO SCHOOL on Friday, **May 24** and Monday, **May 27th** for a long Memorial Day.

Tuesday, June 4^h the **science invention and final paperwork** is due. Your child should be comfortable explaining both how it works and his/her inspiration for the invention.

Thursday, June 6th is an Early Dismissal Day. It is also the **third grade Science Expo**. Third graders will be presenting their inventions to parents in the gym beginning at 1:15pm. Please have your *fed* child back to school by then. Third graders will be presenting their inventions to visiting parents for 30-40 minutes. While we encourage you to visit as many invention presentations as possible, we realize that you may need to leave at some point to attend a sibling's portfolio conference.

June 6th is also **school-wide Portfolio Day** and the Art Fair. After the third graders have presented their inventions, they will share their portfolios with you (also in the gym). You can take as much time as

**necessary to go through their portfolios with them.
**All inventions must be removed from the gym and
brought home by 3pm on this day!!****

Friday, June 7th is **Field Day for K-4. Details will follow.**

**Friday, June 14th is a 12:15 dismissal days. June 14th is
also the **last day of school**.**

We are in the home stretch!

**As always, please contact me with questions and
concerns.**

