

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Families,

During our math times, we continue to use place value to aid us in rounding by tens and hundreds. We have worked a great deal this week on adding and subtracting two and three digits numbers as we solve our story problems. We played Capture 300 on the 300 Chart, and solved addition and subtraction problems, breaking apart numbers and adding on numbers in parts.

We completed our mystery unit in Reading. Students enjoyed being detectives as they read and learned how to be attentive mystery readers. They learned to identify the crime solver(s), look for clues, watch for red herrings, and many other mystery reading skills. Students applied what they learned by teaching Mrs. Tanglao's second grade class how to be great mystery readers. It was exciting to watch them take on the role of the teacher and share what they learned.

This week we started our non-fiction unit in Reading. Readers of nonfiction texts are active, constructive readers. Studying text features and piecing together a hypothesis are being modeled. Our focus this week was reading various expository texts and figuring out the main idea(s) and supporting details. We used our hand as a graphic organizer to summarize texts as well as a box and bullet approach to pull out key information. In social studies, we are currently researching our Native American tribes and collecting information. I look forward to the sharing time at the end of these sessions when the children make connections among their tribes.

In addition to our informational writing and researching, we completed a fun, creative writing activity called the Three Wishes. This was a great addition to our class meetings and SEL discussions. The students had to create three wishes, but they could not be materialistic or monetary. Once they got started, our students produced some lovely sentiments. Empathy for others is a concept that cannot be practiced early enough. Thinking of those less fortunate is a wonderful holiday message. As our writing is completed, we are turning them into gifts. Please look for them outside our classroom.

Upcoming events:

12/20 The **class winter party** is at 8:25-9:25 a.m.

12/20 at 1:00 p.m **Third Grade Winter Concert.** The Art room is open afterward for you to see the class' Native American artwork.

12/20 2:30 p.m. **early dismissal**

Have a great weekend!

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