

THIRD GRADE NEWS

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all of the helpers who made our Halloween party so successful! Also, thank you all for taking the time to meet with me during parent/teacher conferences! It was great to be able to share with you your child's progress.



On Monday, we celebrated Veterans Day with a wonderful assembly in the gym. The third grade classes sang "It's a Grand Old Flag" to honor the veterans who were present. It was wonderful. Many kids brought in a star in honor of a military family member.



During our math time, we have been solving story problems adding 2- and 3- digit numbers. We played Capture 5, a game that provides practice in adding and subtracting while using strategies to capture pieces. We have solved missing addend problems using 100 grids and unmarked number lines. We also played Close to 100 as we added two digit numbers to get close to 100. Remember all these games can be found on the [Investigations](#) website.

In reading, we are continuing our mystery unit. Many mysteries have been read and solved by our third grade sleuths. We learned not to be fooled by red herrings, which the author adds to try to trick the detective and the reader. Next week, we will head down to Mrs. Tanglao's second grade class to teach them everything we have learned about being mystery readers!

We also finished our read aloud book, *Pax*. It was a sad ending, but students really enjoyed the book. I Now we are reading *The Wild Robot*, which students are very excited about. This is one of my favorite books about a robot that finds itself on an island. She must learn to adapt to her surroundings and learn from the animals that inhabit the island.

Students are enjoying the opinion writing unit, *Changing the World*. Students are currently writing opinion speeches. They have been focusing on gathering evidence to support their thesis statements. First, students began writing everything they already knew about their topic. Then, students did some research in the form of surveys, interviews, and fact finding. We have also discussed the importance of considering your audience when giving a speech. Now students are learning to write introductions and conclusions, and soon they will be publishing their speeches. Be on the lookout for their speech on Seesaw!

The students are studying Native Americans in social studies. We will be studying and researching various tribes around the country. Students will have the opportunity to write an informational book about their tribe, create a mural with a small group, and conclude their learning with an iMovie. We are also working with the Art teacher to do an inter-disciplinary unit, which will make the learning more meaningful.



Important Upcoming Dates:

Winter Concert: Friday, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. followed by an art exhibit in the art room.

Winter party: Friday, December 20

Have a great weekend!

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