

What's Happening in Our Classroom

Reading: This week, our class was visited by the Sequence Monster! This helped to kick off our lessons on sequencing. Throughout the week, students have been working in class and in guided reading groups on sequencing. They have completed various activities to help them with this concept as well!

WRITING: In writing, we have been working on List Writing. The students learned that making lists can help them to remember important items and it can be a tool for gathering ideas for their writing. The students created a list of four Happy Memories and we strung them together like a timeline to show sequence. The students also wrote in their Third Grade Journals today!

WORD WORK: Last week, we focused on short vowel sounds. The students also took their Unit 1 Cloze activity and completed their Words to Learn and Super Speller lists based on the words they missed last week. This week we have been working on long vowel sounds. Next week we will finish up Unit 2 and complete the cloze activity.

MATH: This week we finished up Unit 1 in math. Today we took our Unit 1 math test. The corrected tests will go home early next week with your child. We will begin working in Unit 2 next week. This unit will still be a review from first and second grade and will focus on addition and subtraction, as well as various number stories.

SOCIAL STUDIES/Science: Last week we finished Unit 1 in Social Studies. This week we started Unit 2. We are learning about the cardinal and intermediate directions and how to find the distances between two places. We will finish up Unit 2 next week.

Mark Your Calendars

- **9/28:** Book Orders are due!
- **10/2-10/10:** Mrs. Pearce's Baby will arrive (unless I go into labor early on my own)
- **10/6:** Mid-Terms go home
- **10/7, 10/8:** No School for Students
- **10/11:** No School- Columbus Day Observed

Teacher Recommended Websites

I recommend that the students and parents check out www.everydaymathonline.com at home! Students can access an online Student Reference Book, online math games and more. There are family resources too! Your child was sent home a log-in card last week with their user name and password.

FROM THE TEACHER...

- Every other week, your child will come home with their Third Grade Journal on a Friday (or end of the week). Please take the time to respond to your child and send the journal back to school within the two week cycle. Your child should have come home with his/her Third Grade Journal today and we will look to write in it again in two weeks, which puts us at **October 6th** (it's a Wednesday due to the shortened week).
- At Parents' Night, there was a Parent-Teacher Conference Time Preference sign-up sheet available. Your scheduled conference time will be noted in your child's Beginning of the Year report. We did our best to accommodate all requests, but since there were so many evening requests and not enough time slots, your scheduled conference time may be earlier than you had hoped. If there is anyone that has an evening time slot (5:15 PM and after) that can switch to an earlier time, please let me know! Thanks!
- Thank you for taking the time to initial your child's Assignment Notebooks nightly. Typically Assignment Notebooks will not go home on a Friday unless your child has flipped a card during the day.
- Thank you for also taking the time to initial and check over your child's Home Link when possible. Remember that a Home Link will not be assigned when there is an upcoming test.
- This week the Gator Football players, Cheerleaders and Pommies came to visit the classrooms at Indian Prairie and read to the students! Be sure to ask your child about the Gators that visited our classroom!!!