



Third Grade News

Upcoming Events and Reminders

Report cards will be issued on November 23rd. Please be sure to return your signed envelope only. Also, please sign your child's planner nightly to ensure that all homework is completed. Their planners also serve as a very important communication tool. Thank you for your continued support.

Running Day EVERY Tues.

Language Arts

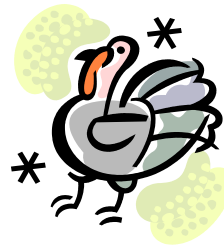
Listed below are areas of study we will be covering for the month of November.

Reading:

- Steps in a Process—first, then, next and last
- Multiple-meaning words
- Summarizing
- Homonyms
- Recognizing pictures and captions
- Summarizing story selections—main elements of a story (title, author, characters, setting, problem, and solution)

Mark your calendars

- **November 11** NO SCHOOL—Happy Veteran's Day
- **November 23** Report Cards Issued
- **November 25**
Adjusted Dismissal
- **November 26 & 27**
NO SCHOOL—Thanksgiving Holiday



Writing:

- Personal Narratives
- Explanatory "how-to" paragraphs
- Writing summaries

Word Study:

- Identifying verbs/subjects/predicates
- Singular/plural possessive nouns
- Silent consonants *wr, kn, st, gn, and mb*

Please continue to encourage nightly reading to maintain and improve your child's comprehension.

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**Report
Cards
Issued Nov.
23rd**

**Happy
Turkey Day!
Schools Closed
26th & 27th**

Math Counts

During the month of November, we will be covering a unit on multiplication and division. The students will explore various methods used to multiply and divide, such as using arrays and making equal groups. You can practice solving multiplication and division number stories at home using dried beans, utensils, cotton balls, etc. to create arrays and equal groups. Please practice basic multiplication and division facts with your child nightly. In addition, please continue to review basic addition and subtraction facts with your child.

**Study your
basic addition facts**

Science -Investigating Simple Machines

This month we will be studying adaptations of animals, food chains, and food webs. The students will also be taking the science quarterly test this month. This assessment will cover the two units explored thus far, matter and simple machines. Please continue to review vocabulary cards and study guides to help your child review. The next unit we will explore is biomes.



Objectives covered in animal adaptations include:

- Engage students in science career awareness activities to learn about zoologists.
- Distinguish between physical and behavioral adaptations of animals.
- Explain how animals' body parts assist them in survival activities (gathering and storing food, finding shelter, and defending themselves).

Social Studies

We are excited to begin with our unit on ancient civilizations. The following objectives will be covered:

- Define the terms "contribution" and "representative democracy".
- Compare the governments of ancient Greece, ancient Rome, and the United States.
- Define laws as the rules people live by.
- Identify examples of ancient Roman architecture, e.g., arches (Coliseum and aqueducts).
- Explain the impact of the contributions of ancient Rome on people today.
- Identify the human characteristics (their jobs—road builders, farmers, and traders) of ancient Rome.
- Explain how the people of ancient Rome adapted to their environment to meet their needs.

