

Third Grade News

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Another Great Week

Week two wrapped up nicely. We are still solidifying routines in third grade. Now that we have gone through a full week together, the schedule is beginning to feel rhythmic and comfortable. Thank you for helping your child acclimate to the routines at home. Spelling homework is looking great for most kids, and we are thankful for the support required at home to make these small routines become habits.

Homework Club

At Meet the Teacher a paper about Homework Club was distributed. This club is OPEN to any third or fourth grade student. It is available on Tuesdays after school, and it provides an opportunity for students to have a quiet location to accomplish the activities that teachers assign. **The club meets after school until 4:30. Prompt pick up in the front circle (or drop off to BASK) is necessary.** This time is supported by Mrs. Brooks and Ms. Ward, but they are not providing full tutoring. They are resources to help students continue working on independence with homework. Please consider having your child join us for the first homework club on Tuesday, August 27th in Mrs. Brooks's classroom!

Math Facts

We know that timed math tests can cause some anxiety at the beginning of the year. Since we have already begun this activity, we wanted to let you know that we use a differentiated method. Students are given the opportunity to move at their own pace through the tests. They will need to get 95 or more of the problems correct in order to move on to the next fact. The order of tests are addition, subtraction, $\times 1$, $\div 1$, $\times 2$, $\div 2$,

$\times 3$, $\div 3$, etc. Each class will be taking two fact tests a week. We do not want to cause alarm in your house, so please encourage your child to continue studying (with flashcards, work on a website, etc.) until they get the hang of things. It seems like a lot to do 100 problems in five minutes, but it is the same requirement as 20-club in second grade! They can do it!

Science

The weather has been providing a great real-world connection to our science unit! We are studying weather and the components that join together to make up the patterns we see in our area. Students have been enjoying experiments and projects that help us better understand how precipitation forms, and the effects of the weather outside.

This unit will continue to build in a hands-on inquiry based way, and students will continue diving into essential topics related to how we can help prevent weather related problems. Feel free to ask them more about what we have been working on.

Music Notes

From Mrs. Walther

Conway School Chorus begins next week! Please check your child's Friday Folder today for details.

Important Dates

Friday, August 30th - Early Release Day - Dismissal at 1:15pm

- Spiritwear order is due

Monday, September 2nd - No School - Labor Day