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Nathan Hale School

**Third Grade Classroom Newsletter**

**“The most important thing is to try and inspire people so that they can be great in whatever they want to do.”– Kobe Bryant**

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**Current Topics of Study**

**Health/ Science/**

**Social Studies**

Thank you to all the parents who donated healthy and delicious snacks! The students loved them.

Our next Social Studies unit will focus on the important role that Martin Luther King Jr. had as well as our presidents.

**Writing**

Students completed their personal narratives. Our next writing unit will focus on incorporating nonfiction elements from our informational reading unit. Students will research their favorite animal to write paragraphs using the information they learned.

**Math**

Students learned a variety of strategies that helped them to build their fluency and accuracy of multiplication facts from 0 to 10. Students are going to begin to study division. They will use the relationship between addition and subtraction to explain the relationship between multiplication and division.

**Language Arts**

Students are reading the text Animal Heroes True Rescue Stories by Sandra Markle. They are learning and applying a variety of reading strategies: previewing text, text features, specialized vocabulary, text structures, activating background knowledge, questioning, monitoring comprehension and noting, organizing and retrieving information.

**Field Trips**

**Events**

**Important**

***3rd Grade will be attending the following field trips:***

**February 5th** – Sound Tigers hockey game

**February 25th –** British Art Museum

* **February 14th-** ½ day, Valentine’s day (homeroom teachers will reach out to inform you about Valentine’s Day procedures)
* **February 14th -22nd –** February Break

January was a full, busy month in third grade. The students worked hard to master many new concepts. Their rigor and motivation to learn and apply new concepts was clear and evident in their work. Please be sure they come to school each day and arrive on time so we can maximize every learning opportunity.

**HOT Questions**

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**\*How well do you know your multiplication facts?**

**\*What can you do to increase your speed and accuracy?**

**\*Why are learning multiplication facts so important?**

**Parents**

Two new feeling words will be introduced each month to add to our **Class Mood Meter**. As a class, this will help us identify new feeling words to use other than “empathy” or “empowerment.” We will be giving the word family that corresponds with the two new words. Please discuss the new word at home to help further their understanding beyond the classroom.

1. **WORD FAMILY**- enthusiastic 🡪 ***eager*** (new word)
2. **WORD FAMILY**- anxious 🡪 ***uneasy*** (new word)

**Reminders**

Please sign up for the Remind app if you have not done so already, this is an easy way for us to contact you.

We strongly encourage that our students read the genres we are currently focusing on in class. At this time, we are reading fiction books and next will be nonfiction texts.

**Recess-** The students will be going outside for recess daily. We will only remain indoors when it is raining, snowing or below freezing. We can only take the students outside if they are dressed for the weather. Please be sure your child comes to school wearing winter clothes, a winter coat, a hat and gloves.

Thank you!

**Student of the Month**

Every month three 3rd grade students are recognized for positive attributes and demonstrated behaviors that reflect the school’s CORE Values- integrity, perseverance, responsibility, citizenship, and leadership.

**Giuliana Amato (Ms. Palmer)-** Giuliana is a kind and dedicated student. She enjoys learning new things and is very dedicated to her schoolwork. She has lots of background experiences and contributes to class discussions. She respects others and has an optimistic view on life. She is always looking for the positive in a situation and this attitude makes her a pleasure to have in class. Congratulations Giuliana!!

**Emilia Mammana (Mrs. Gambino)-** Emilia is a very thoughtful and bright student. She is super creative and has a very inventive mind. Emi is a pleasure to have in class and gives great insight to new topics. She is always helpful to her classmates, which makes her a great role model. I am very proud to have her as my student. Continue to always do your best! Congratulations Emi!!!

**Gabriella Hernandez (Mr. Flanagan)-** Gabby is an excellent role model for her classmates. She is always prepared, follows directions, and completes all tasks that are asked of her. She works hard and contributes to class discussions. Gabby always tries her best and is a positive influence on our whole class Congratulations Gabby!