



Third Grade Newsletter

May/June 2022

Important Dates

May 16th, 17th, 19th, and 20th (morning) - ELA MCAP test (see additional information below)

May 16th, 17th, 18th, and 20th (afternoon) - Econ Fair production

May 25th and 26th - Math End of Year Benchmark test

May 27th - Playday

May 30th - Memorial Day - School closed

June 2nd - Econ Fair

June 9th - Third grade picnic/Econ Fair wrap up (Students only)

June 13th - Last day for students. Two hour 45 minute early dismissal

Daily Schedule

8:05 - 8:35 Homeroom

8:35 - 10:35 Mod 1

10:35 - 11:35 Fine Arts and Fitness

11:35 - 11:45 Mod 1

11:45 - 12:30 Mod 2

12:30 - 1:00 Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 Recess

1:30 - 3:00 Mod 2

3:05 Dismissal

Reminders

Spring is here and so are spring allergies! We would appreciate donations of tissues!

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT PROGRAM

Over the next two months, students in grades three, four and five will participate in MCAP (Maryland Comprehensive Assessment Program) for state-wide testing in math and reading. This computer based, standardized assessment is administered to all 3rd-5th graders in Maryland. The MCAP assessments in ELA and Math focus on the content outlined in the Maryland College and Career Ready Standards for each grade level. The Math assessment consists of four sessions each approximately 40 minutes in length. The ELA assessment consists of four sessions each approximately 70 minutes in length. More information regarding MCAP assessments in math and ELA can be found: [Division of Assessment, Accountability, and Performance Reporting \(marylandpublicschools.org\)](http://www.marylandpublicschools.org).

There is nothing your child can study to prepare for this assessment other than get a good night's sleep, eat a good breakfast and do his/her best. Students will complete one session each day on their assigned testing date (schedule below). If a student is absent, we will work with teachers to make up the missed sessions.

What are we learning?

Math

We will be finishing up our Geometry and Measurement Unit and preparing for our end of the year Benchmark test. All students have been given a benchmark calendar to help them review for the test. Please help insure that your child is working consistently on this assignment and encourage them to let us know if they have any questions along the way. Our benchmark test is scheduled for May 25th and 26th. Our final unit will be Computational Fluency, where we will focus on problem solving in order to demonstrate fluency with addition and subtraction to 1000 and demonstrate fluency for multiplication and division within 100.

Science

In Science, we will explore climate and weather related hazards, and finish up with a look at matter and its interactions.

Humanities

In Humanities, we will be continuing our work on Economics. We are reading our grade level novel, LEMONADE WAR. This is part of a series, so if your child enjoys the book, look for parts 2 and 3 at the library! We will be producing our chosen Prototypes the week of MCAP in the afternoons. If you have extra toilet paper rolls or small water bottles, please send them in with your child. Look for Production and Econ Fair sign up sheets for volunteers soon!

Stay in Touch!

Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns!

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