



# Third Grade Newsletter

January 2024

Happy New Year!

## Important Dates

Tuesday, January 2nd - Schools reopen

Thursday and Friday, January 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> - CBA test (Comprehension Benchmark Assessment)

Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> - Schools closed for MLK holiday

Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> and Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> - Math Mid-Year Benchmark test

Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> - End of Quarter 2

Parent/Teacher Conference night - teacher request

Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup> - Schools closed for students

Tuesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> – Starbucks store

## Reminders

Please make sure your child brings a jacket or sweatshirt to school. Students will be outside for recess on most days.

Please continue to monitor your child's pencil pouch for any needed supplies.

We've seen lots of new watches on the students after the holidays! Please remind your child that watches are only to be used for telling time while in school. No texting,

---

## What are we learning?

### Math

This month in math we will continue to work on our Multiplication and Division Unit while we prepare for our Mid-Year Assessment. This benchmark test will cover concepts from our first four units. The test is scheduled for January 23rd and 24th. Benchmark review calendars were sent home on December 18th. This is a great way to review a little at a time.

### Science

In science we switched up the order of our units and have begun work on Matter and Its Interactions. In this unit, students will be classifying different types of matter and exploring what happens when different substances are mixed together Please see attached parent letter for more information.

### Humanities

In Social Studies, we will be learning about Martin Luther King Jr and his contributions to our country. In ELA, we will be working on non fiction texts and identifying main idea and supporting details. We will continue writing informational essays.

## Stay in Touch!

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

Christine Alexander – [christinealexander@carrollk12.org](mailto:christinealexander@carrollk12.org)

Sharon Inge – [sharoninge@carrollk12.org](mailto:sharoninge@carrollk12.org)

Alyssa Hesel – [alyssaheser@carrollk12.org](mailto:alyssaheser@carrollk12.org)

Laura Raab – [lauraraab@carrollk12.org](mailto:lauraraab@carrollk12.org)

Kathie Borghans – [kathrynborghans@carrollk12.org](mailto:kathrynborghans@carrollk12.org)



# Third Grade Science

## Matter and Its Interactions

Dear Families,

Here is what your child is learning in Third Grade during the study of matter and its interactions. Look for additional newsletters for upcoming units.

### Matter and Its Interactions

Students will be able to:

- classify materials based on their properties.
- create a model to describe matter is made of particles too small to be seen.
- determine the properties of a mystery solid and present evidence to support their claim.
- utilize the Engineering Design Process to design high quality playdough.
- determine whether the mixing of two or more substances results in new substances.

### Key Vocabulary

Matter- material that has mass and takes up space

Properties – a characteristic or quality of a material that you can see, hear, smell, touch, taste, or measure.

Substance – the physical matter or material of which living things are made

Interaction– how something relates or influences another

Solid – a state of matter with a fixed volume and shape

Liquid – a state of matter with a fixed volume, but not a fixed shape

Gas –a state of matter with no fixed volume or shape

#### Discovery Education:

- Properties and States of Matter
- Describing Matter and Its Properties

### Ways FAMILIES Can Help

- Use the Discovery Education links to learn more information.
- Be attentive to different types of matter all around you.
- Encourage your child to help prepare meals. Have them describe ingredients as different types of matter. What happens when you mix the ingredients? Can you separate the materials or is a new substance created?
- Look for examples of solids, liquids, and gases around your house.