

3rd Grade News

Highlights of the Week

Math

Students worked on finishing up their I-Ready assessments and also had their first quiz on place value and rounding. The majority of the class passed their quiz with flying colors! Ask your child and they will tell you how they did. I always make a point to show them their corrected quizzes and tests and talk about the ones they struggled with so they are in tune with their learning and progress! Today (Friday) I gave each student a prodigy account which they can also access at home. It is a fun game where math is involved. I am able to track their progress and even give them skills in the game that they need to practice.

Science

We were able to share our learning with our lesson of "Where can you find Whales in a Desert". We did this through our science notebooks and quiz that we took. On Thursday we started the next lesson of "How do we know what dinosaurs looked like?" There were lots of ideas on this and we will continue this lesson next week.

ELA - Reading & Writing

In reading, we reviewed open syllables and r-controlled syllables (words like for, score, and tore - where the r acts as a "bossy r" and changes the sound of the vowel that comes before it). We also started our first chapter book read aloud this week! We are reading *The One and Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate. In addition, students have been discussing and doing a bit of writing about what it means to T.H.I.N.K. before you speak (check: Is what I'm about to say true? Helpful? Inspiring? Necessary? Kind?). We practiced with different scenarios and had a lot of thoughtful conversations.

Global Studies

We began our Map Study this week! We started off with an investigation: what happens when you put a bar magnet in a bottle and then put the bottle in a container of water? Students made excellent observations. After many tries, we saw the bottle always ended up pointing in the same direction, regardless of how we placed it in the tub of water. This led us to talk about magnetic north and compasses. We practiced the cardinal and intercardinal directions through a game of Four Cardinal Directions and The Direction Giving Game. Ask your student to teach you how to play! We also began to look at world maps and test our knowledge of the continents.

Conversation Starters

- How do you round numbers?
- How do you round a number to the nearest Ten?
- How do you round a number to the nearest Hundred?
- How do number lines help us when rounding?
- How does counting by Tens and Hundreds help us when rounding?
- How can fossils help us understand what things looked like?
- How do we find fossils?
- Can fossils be found on the surface of the land?
- What happened when you put the magnet in the bottle in a tub of water?
- What are the four cardinal directions? What about the intercardinal directions? Can we try to label them in our house?
- Can you teach me how to play the direction giving game?

- Can you name all 7 continents?
- Which of these words is an open syllable: stop, so, poke? How do you know?
- What does bossy r do to the vowel sound that comes before it (ex: for, tore, core)?
- What does it mean to T.H.I.N.K before you speak? How can you make sure the things you say are true, helpful, inspiring, necessary, and kind?

Upcoming Events

- **Stuffedie and Pajama Day on MONDAY, 9/26!**
 - Students met their Class Big Bucks goal this week! Our celebration for their hard work is that students are able to wear pajamas or comfy clothes to school on Monday, as well as bring in a stuffie if they'd like. Stuffedies should be able to fit in their backpacks, please!
- **Open House - Thursday 9/29, 5:30-7:00pm (for both Washington and Orange campuses)**
- **Elementary Book Fair Shopping Schedule (held in the elementary library)**
 - Tuesday 9/27, 3:00 - 5:00pm
 - Thursday 9/29, 5:00 - 7:00pm (includes during the Open House and a half-hour beforehand)
 - Friday 9/30 students will shop for half of their library class
 - Book Fair Homepage: <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/echovalleyes>

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