

# 3rd Grade News

## Highlights of the Week

**Note: Our school is collecting donations for the humane society up to the last day of school before December break. Students will be given a list of things that would be appropriate to donate.**

### Math

This week we have been focusing on order and regrouping when multiplying. Students are seeing that you can use parentheses to help group factors before multiplying and no matter how you group the factors you will still get the same product.

### Science

Students are in the last lesson in our unit. They had to think about the question: How long can people (animals) survive in outer space? We took a look at 3 different traits and took data to see how it changed from earth to space. Take a look at the pics below!

### ELA

Students have been making amazing progress in learning their cursive letters! After finishing the “magic c letters” (c, a, o, g, d, q), we’ve moved on to “swing up letters” - so far covering i, j, p, and r. Anticipation builds as students are able to write more and more full words in cursive, and soon their names, too! In our OG lessons, we completed a cumulative review of the 5 syllable types (open, closed, silent e, r-controlled, and vowel team). Knowing the syllable type helps us figure out what sound the vowels make in a word, which helps both with accurate reading and spelling.

### Global Studies

These researchers continue to progress in their abilities to read a nonfiction text and determine the main idea and supporting details. Our topic continues to be our state of Vermont. This week, we read about the geography, history, and industry of Vermont. Soon we’ll be summarizing all of the information we’ve learned in order to practice paragraph writing.

## Conversation Starters

- What do parentheses tell you in a math equation? (Do this work first)
- Does it matter what order you group factors in when multiplying? ( $2 \times 3 \times 4$  no because you will get the same product.)
- Do people who go to space lose or gain muscle? Why? (gravity)
- Do people who go to space lose or gain balance? Why? (gravity)
- Do people who go to space stay the same height? Why? (gravity)
- Can you show me how to write these words in cursive: dog, pig, road, cap?
- Can you give me an example word for each of the 5 syllable types?
- What information did you learn about Vermont this week? Who are the Abenaki peoples? What are some of the industries (or things people make) in Vermont?
- What was your class job this week?

- What is the difference between tattling and asking for help? What are some situations in which you might need to ask for help?

## Photos





