

Third Grade News



There's a lot coming up in the next few weeks of third grade!

Skype, Caldecott Awards, and Tests!

SPECIAL SKYPE

Next week, we will be participating in a Skype session with nationally known teacher librarian Mr. John Schumacher. He has chosen our class to read a book with students from his suburban Chicago school.

REPORT CARDS

Report cards will be completed this week and sent home with students next week. If you have any questions please let me know.

IOWA ASSESSMENTS

Our statewide tests are coming next week! Please read the attached letter for the schedule and tips on how to help your child.

TOOL TIME CHANGE

Tool Time will be November 19 @ 3:30-5:00. This is a change from the original schedule.

BOOK BIRTHDAY

Our class will be participating in a special Book Birthday in January. Stay tuned for some important information!

Dear Parents,
We are working very hard in third grade. So much cooperation and learning!

We have been working in science on finishing up our Life Science and Engineering unit. Our next social studies activity is to create a multimedia Holiday Inn project to share with YOU and our pen pal!

In math, we are working on the relationship between multiplication and division. It is very challenging, but as long as we work together in class and learn about it, the practicing part is easy!

In reading, we are finishing up unit 2 Smart Solutions. We are currently working on plural possessive nouns. They seem to be very tricky.

In writing, we are ALMOST DONE learning our cursive letters! It's so

exciting to be reaching our goal.

Mock Caldecott Awards

This year, we are participating in a mock Caldecott Award selection. The Caldecott Award is given to the best children's picture book of the year, and will be awarded February 2. We are using the top 20 books chosen by teacher librarian Mr. Schumacher (find him on Twitter @MrSchuReads). We will read each of the 20 books and evaluate them using Caldecott criteria. After evaluating all books, we will find the mean, median, and mode of the data. With our highest scoring books, we will select our winner and honor books. Our eyes will be watching the live webcast of the real awards ceremony on February 2, 2015.