

The Week Ahead

Room Parent Meeting

There will be a meeting for all room mothers of the third grade on Thursday, October 6, at 3:10 p.m. Please meet with your homeroom teacher. Parties will be planned for the upcoming school year. Anyone that would like to help out is invited to come. If you cannot attend, if you will send the information below back to school with your child, you will be included in the planning.



I cannot attend the meeting on Thursday, but I would like to help out with the parties for my child's Class.

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

e-mail address: _____

Your assistance will be appreciated!





Reading with Mrs. Dana

I know that in the past weeks that sometimes you as parents may have felt overwhelmed with the demands of third grade reading. Hopefully, this week will give you a break, and me time to check fluency, build some skills on open responses, and work with some of the skills that we have been learning in the past weeks. **We will not have a reading or**

vocabulary test this week. There will not be a reading story. We will be using the stories that we have previously read to build these skills. Students will also have time to read and take AR tests. It is the goal of all the third grade teachers to build these children into strong thinkers and readers. It is our hope to lay a good foundation of being a student that can take in materials and comprehend in their future years.

Math with Mrs. Jessi

This week students will use mental math, counting by 10's and 100's and compatible numbers to solve math problems. This can be found in their math books on pages 80-82 and 94-96. Continue to work with telling time and using a calendar. You can find this on pages 192-200. Don't forget that the math book is there for you to use to give problems to your children. ***Encourage your child to show their work! *** Please have your child read the math problems and directions and ask them***

questions to check their understanding. I'm really struggling with getting students to read their math, which is very important.



Social Studies

Our social studies will continue to focus on the following frameworks:

Social Studies Frameworks

G.1.3.1 Define absolute location

G.1.3.2 Name and locate the states that border Arkansas

G.1.3.3 Discuss the characteristics that define a region:

- **takes up area**
- **has boundaries**
- **has special features**

We will still be working with Arkansas maps this week.





Science with Mrs. Gina

This week in science we will have our Chapter 3 test (Page 84-113) on Tuesday, October 4th. A study guide will be sent home today, Friday, September 30th. It can also be found on pages 118 and 119 of the science book. There will be an experiment grade given Monday, October 3rd on owl pellets. This week we will also begin Chapter 4 "Where Living Things Are Found."

Language with Mrs. Carolyn

This week my class will continue working on identifying *nouns, verbs, and adjectives*. **Shurley English** will be a part of this class too. There will be a weekly or biweekly test over material learned that week but most weeks there will not be homework in this area.

In Spelling we will learn **words that have the Short a, long a (spelled CVCe – ex. space) and (spelled CVVC – ex. rain)**. We will spend much time writing in their WRITER'S NOTEBOOK too. It is very important for your child to cut up the **word sort** for the spelling words and sort them between long vowel words and short vowel words. Be sure and study the attached SPELLING WORDS for a TEST on FRIDAY.



This week will be the same as last week in WRITER'S WORKSHOP we will continue to learn about the *writer's PURPOSE* and the different reasons we write. I introduced how to use the first stage

of writing this week which is PREWRITING. This week we are moving into Step 2 – Rough Draft, or drafting.

Spelling Words for Week of 10/3/11

Short a

black

rash

flash

camp

Long a – CVCe

space

frame

place

blame

tale

mane

Long a – CVVC

rain

brain

paint

train

tail

main

chain

faint

Oddballs

said

want

News and Reviews – Upcoming Events

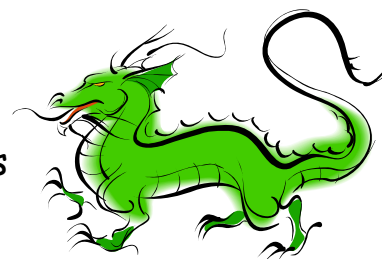
BoxTops for Education

Please remember to save any BoxTops for Education that you may have. You can send them to your child's homeroom class to be collected. The first collection period is usually in October. A collection sheet is attached and also a list of products that carry BoxTops.



SPECIAL REMINDER

Please remember that Week Ahead is listed on school website. Also, there are always extra copies in Dana Horton's class room if you child misplaces his or her Week Ahead.



<http://dewittschooldistrict.net/> . (I want to apologize because I failed to send this last weekend to the school website, and then did not remember it until today. This one will be posted.)

You also can check your child's grades on Pinnacle at this site.

An Educational Website to Help Your Child

<http://www.thinkfinity.org/>

Thinkfinity - This is a free website provided by Verizon. Students can use this website for research. You can use this website also. It is a safe website also.

PTA Meeting

PTA will meet on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 at 5:00 p.m. in the DES library.

PLEASE NOTE THE NEW TIME! Discussion for the meeting will include fundraiser, Parent/Teacher Conferences, and class winners of membership drive.

Please make plans to attend.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, October 4th

- **Pilot Benchmark Writing Test** will be given to all third graders
- **Science Test**
- **After school tutoring with Mrs. Dana** for until 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, October 8th - Room Mother Meetings for all third grade classes - 3:10 p.m.

Friday, October 7th -Math Test

- **Spelling Test**
- **Patriotic Day** at 9:00 a.m. There will be a Color Guard present. This is held in the front parking lot, and you are invited to attend.

Tuesday, October 11th

- **Last grades** to be posted for the first quarter.

Tuesday, October 18th

- **Parent-Teacher Conferences** from 2 to 7 p.m.
- **School will dismiss early** on this date.

