

Dear Families,

We have had an amazing first two weeks of school! Here are a few more bits of information we'd like to pass on to you.

Homework

There has been a change in our homework schedule. We will continue to update you if things change. Students are expected to read their "just right" book for 30 minutes every night and record their reading on their reading log. They are also expected to study for their spelling quiz all week (quizzes are on Fridays). Soon, students will be expected to study certain math facts for quizzes on Fridays as well. Other homework includes:

Monday – Math sheet (review or reinforcement of concepts taught in class)

Tuesday – Social Studies or Writing

Wednesday – Word Study

Thursday – Math

Curriculum

In Math, we are beginning our "Things That Come in Groups" unit, which is about multiplication. In Social Studies we are finishing our geography and mapping unit and beginning to learn about natural resources. We will start having farm trip meetings with our class this week. These meetings are a time for students to learn about the trip and ask any questions they have. We also practice strategies for coping with feeling homesick. Also, we are in the process of scheduling a farm staff member to come in to talk to the third grade about the trip! In Reading we are working hard to pick "just right" books to read, becoming familiar with our classroom library and getting to know each other as readers. In Writing we are continuing to build strategies for generating ideas for personal narrative stories.

We look forward to seeing you next Wednesday morning at the Parent Farm Meeting and Thursday for Curriculum Night! Have a great weekend. Please read below for messages from Julie Sterling (Spanish) and Stacy Dillon (Librarian).

Best,

Dot and Becka

Spanish

In Spanish, third graders are learning to tell about where they went over their summer vacation (yo fui a la playa, yo fui al cine, yo fui a la casa de mis abuelos, etc.) and how they got there (yo fui en carro, yo fui en avión, yo fui en bicicleta, etc.). Check out their illustrated sentences posted in their classrooms. Beginning this week, in preparation for a calendar project coming up later this fall, they will learn to tell the day and date in Spanish (Hoy es martes, veintidós de septiembre).

Library

In Library, third graders are beginning to read mythology. This is an extension of the First Grade folktale and Second Grade tall tale studies. We will be reading from Greek, Roman, Norse, Indian and Native American works. There are many "big ideas" in mythology, and we will be taking time to discuss them. If you have a favorite myth that you would like for me to share with the class, please let me know about it so that I can read it over and see if it will fit into our curriculum!

Also, third graders are now allowed to check out up to three books during each library class. (Note: both classes have library on Wednesdays). The books are due back one week from check out, but may be renewed if time is needed to finish reading. Please help your child find a safe spot at home to keep library books so that they don't get mixed in with personal books or public library books.

If you have any questions, please stop by the library or email me via sdillon@lrei.org

Happy Reading!