



3rd Grade News

Monday, October 3, 2011



MEAP

The MEAP (Michigan Educational Assessment Program) test is administered beginning in the third grade to students throughout the state of Michigan. The testing time for elementary schools begins on Tuesday, October 11th. **Third graders will be testing on October 11th, 12th, and 18th.** Third grade students are tested in English-language arts and math. The state has scheduled specific dates for each subject area test and make-ups. The test is untimed and estimated to take all morning.

We are required by the federal "No Child Left Behind" legislation to give the test to all students, and individual schools are held accountable for full participation of their students. Based on the state Grade Level Content Expectations, these tests reflect the knowledge and skills that will be important for students in today's world. Because the test is given in the fall, it tests content covered in previous grades.

Third grade is the first year the test is given and we expect many students to be nervous. The tests will help to identify those skills your child has learned and which skills may need strengthening.

You can help your child do his/hr best on the test by:

- Making sure that your child attends school on the days of testing.
- Making sure your child gets a good night's sleep before testing.
- Making sure that your child eats a good breakfast on the days of testing
- Sending in a healthy snack.
- Reminding your child to ask the teacher questions if he/she does not understand the test directions.
- Encouraging your child to do his/her best on the tests because the results will help him/her get a better education.
- Letting your child know that you are confident in his/her ability to do his/her best.

Weekly Calendar

Monday—October 3

1:30-2:30

PE / Spanish (D)

SPANISH / PE (W)

Tuesday—October 4

PROJECT RED 10:30-2:00

Wednesday—October 5

Library

Make chili

Thursday - October 6

MUSIC-

9:45-10:15 D (MATH)

10:15-10:45 W (MATH)

Friday - October 7

10:00 - 11:00

PE / Spanish (D)

SPANISH / PE (W)

School Release at 2:30 pm

Project RED snack

We are still in need of several items to make our super snack assessment a success. Please let us know if you can send in one of the following:

- Frozen mini waffles
- Pkg. of cheese sticks (8)
- Graham cracker sticks
- Apple Cider (gallon)

Please remember to check out the Chatfield School website. We will be putting pictures and announcements on periodically featuring important things happening in the 3rd Grade.

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Literacy Corner

This week we are reading The Lost and Found by Mark Teague. This fantasy story has been a favorite with past third grade classes. The story is about a new girl who, along with two classmates, gets lost in a strange world in the school's lost and found box!

We are learning how to combine sentences with the word 'and' to make our writing more interesting. We will also look at different parts of a dictionary.

We will learn two comprehension strategies, summarizing and sequencing events. We will introduce a graphic organizer and model a good summary.

Field Studies

Permission slips for our field studies were due Friday, September 30th. Please send in the permission slips ASAP if you have not already done so.

Just a reminder to send in a sack lunch for the Project RED field study, tomorrow, October 4th. The students will not be able to visit snack shack or buy milk.

Spelling Words

Week of October 3rd
Vowel-consonant-e

smoke	huge
save	life
wide	come
mine	grade
smile	note
cube	love

Review

side
hope

Challenge

escape
slope

OCTOBER

Jocelyn Cady - 3rd

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*Please feel free to call us before 8:15am
or after 3:45pm.*