



Mrs. Jachthuber's 3rd Grade News

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Important Dates

- 9/17—STAR Math
- 9/18—Happy Birthday Rebecca!
- 9/19-STAR Reading
- 9/24—permission slips due
- 9/24 –fundraiser due
- 10/5—Fieldtrip all day
- *Sack lunch & drink*

Team Building

Students worked hard to earn their first classroom celebration—root beer floats today. They had to work together to meet the 25 minute reading stamina goal. They've also been working on helping one another with cleaning up, materials, and organization. I'm so proud of all the leadership roles I've seen. We also had some well deserved fun with our Marshmallow Challenge. Students had to create a structure using 1 large marshmallow, 1 yard of string, 1 yard of tape and 20 spaghetti sticks. They had 15 minutes and had to work together to build the highest free standing structure.



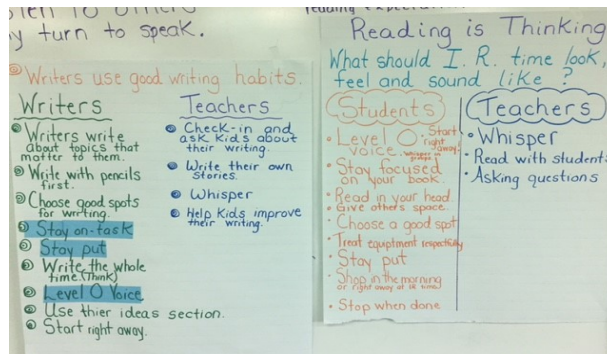
We discussed how to work collaboratively with a team, share ideas and verbally communicate ideas.

Writing Workshop

Hopefully your child told you about their Writer's Notebook! This is a place where we will record special memories, thoughts, observations, and ideas. All good writers have a special place to keep their thoughts and ideas and that is the purpose of our Writer's Notebook.



We also started the ideas section of our notebooks. Students made a heart map. They also began writing lists of ideas. In addition, we spent time discussing workshop expectations. Here is a picture of our posters for writing and reading time.



Word Study

We will not be starting off with spelling words for quite some time. We are beginning a new Word Study/Phonics program which may be different from what your child had last year. Until then, we are exploring words together, assessing students, working on Poetry Anthologies, and learning about current events. These are all components of Word Study in third grade and are things we will work on throughout the year. I will update you as we go!

Reading Workshop

We will be spending our first 20 days of school getting familiar with how our Reading Workshop will work. There are many new things that are a part of third grade reading such as Readers Notebooks where we keep track of books we read, write letters about books, and share recommendations with one another. Students will be reading in class independently, but our Guided Reading will not be starting for another few weeks.

Please have your child read a book at home each night for 20 minutes. Until we start Guided Reading, students can read items that they have at home. If you do not have any books at home, please let me know and I can find some things for your child to use!

