



Mrs. Jachthuber's 3rd Grade News

September 28, 2018

Important Dates

10/5—Fieldtrip all day
Sack lunch & drink
change of shoes & clothes

10/16,18,19—Parent Teacher Conferences—Please sign up in Skyward



Math

We have started our place value topic. Students are practicing reading, writing, naming and making 3,4,5 and 6 digit numbers. Next week we will learn about comparing and ordering numbers.

Later in the week we will start topic 2 which focuses on rounding numbers and estimating as our first skills.

Next week we will also begin using Dreambox math. Dreambox is an online, adaptive math program that personalizes math learning for students. I am very excited to introduce this program to the class.

Writing Workshop

This week we began learning about the writing process. We learned that writers use the writing process when they want to bring an idea all the way through to publishing. We learned and practiced pre-writing strategies and students have also began to draft their writing.



Next week, we will learn about revising, editing and publishing.



Science

- We began science this week.
- The students learned what scientists have in common and learned how scientists are very curious people who carefully observe the world around them. They learned that scientists are questioners!
- We carefully observed our hands and came up with all sorts of wonderings such as "Why do we have cuticles?" "What are our nails made of?" "Why do we have white spots on our nails?"
- Next week our lesson will focus on animals habitats and environmental changes.

Reading Workshop

This week our reading focus was on choosing just right books for reading and thinking/writing/talking about those books. We learned how to have meaningful conversations about books. We also learned how to support our thinking about books with evidence. Next week we will focus on giving book talks.



Word Study

The HASD is using new Word Study materials. In the past, your child brought spelling words home weekly and was tested on those words. As we learn our new program, we will NOT be sending weekly word lists home. Words may come home at some point, but this is not a part of our new thinking about how students best learn how words work. We will still be learning about spelling rules, in addition to vocabulary and phonics.