



# Mrs. Jachthuber's 3rd Grade News

News from Mrs. Jachthuber's

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## Important Dates

- 3/16—Summer school registration opens
- 3/18—Wisconsin Forward testing begins
- 3/18—Third Fang Due
- 4/8—Home Base due
- 4/11—GES Math and Literacy Night- 6-7pm
- 4/15—4/19—Spring Break

## Math Corner

We have started our fractions unit. Your child has brought home practice packets for topics 9 and 10. We are going back and forth between the two topics. Please check the planner to know what lessons to work on.

So far we have learned...

- How to use fractions to name equal parts of a whole
- The benchmark fractions  $1/4$ ,  $1/3$ ,  $1/2$ ,  $2/3$  and  $3/4$  are commonly used fractions.
- How to name fractions on a number line.
- How to use fraction strips to compare fractions
- How to use number lines to compare fractions.

Two other things to be doing at home to help your child in math...

### 1. Practice multiplication facts

(Checks are on Thursdays. Your child SHOULD be bringing home their envelope of facts nightly.)

### 2. Use Dreambox on the computer or tablet.

(If your child gets screen time anyway, this would be a great way to use it! ;)



## Reader's Workshop

In reader's workshop we have been learning about close reading and text dependent analysis. (Which means deep reading to respond effectively to a prompt.) This is a skill that students will use on the Forward Test next week. The students did a great job on this. They brought home their examples papers today. Check out the hard work they did!

## Writer's Workshop

We are working on our opinion/persuasive writing. The students are learning how to choose important topics to write about. They are practicing using convincing reasons and providing additional support to back up their reasons. The topics the students are choosing are really great and I can't wait for you to read their writing.



## Forward Test

Next week, students will begin taking the Wisconsin Forward Test. Our first day of testing will be on Wednesday the 20th.

Students have been in the computer lab this week familiarizing themselves with the format of the tests. They are also able to do this at home. The link is attached to the email if you want to check it out.

These tests are important to our students and our school.

Please be sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before testing and eats a healthy breakfast the morning of.

Here is our complete testing schedule:

3/19—ELA 1

3/21—ELA 2/3

3/25—ELA 4

4/2—Math 1

4/3—Math 2

## Science

We have started our next science unit called "Invisible Forces." Your child learned how almost any action one can imagine consists of a push or a pull, or as scientists call them: a force.

In class your child was presented with a list of action verbs like "drag," "lift," "press," and asked to decide whether they were pushes or pulls. You can help support your child's learning by continuing this at home. Try applying it to actions that might be of personal interest, like the actions involved in a favorite sport (a throw, a hit, a slam dunk, a tackle, etc.).

Next week's Mystery Question is "What makes bridges so strong?"