

**Troy
Elementary**

Mrs. Sandquist's and Mrs. Sullins' Classroom News

August 31, 2017

What's Happening

Special points of interest:

No school Mon. Sept. 4th, Thurs.
Sept. 14th and Fri. Sept. 15th.

Late Start(10:15am) Wed. Sept.
26th.

The 3rd and 4th grade birthday
bash will be Sept. 1 for August
and September birthdays. Please
let us know if you plan on
sending a treat for the class
from the approved food list in
the handbook.

Be on the lookout:

- Reading logs come home every Wednesday.
- Spelling words should be coming home every Monday.
- Spelling tests are every Friday.
- Look for math homework Monday through Thursday.

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Welcome third and fourth grade families. We are up and running and learning new things every day. We have great classes of excited learners this year.

Math: Fourth grade students are working on number sense: place value, rounding, estimating, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They are also working on the flexibility of understanding different models as they relate to the four different operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Third grade students are focusing on adding and subtracting numbers up to 1000; properties of addition: commutative, associative, and identity. They are modeling the process of multiplication using repeated addition, arrays, a number line, and groups; also beginning to understand the process of division using repeated subtraction and fair sharing (dividing into equal parts).

Writing: Third grade students have been practicing manuscript writing and will be starting cursive soon. They will be doing some quick writes, which are short writings based on a picture they look at.

Fourth graders are learning the differences between a poem, prose and dramas. They will eventually be writing poems of their own. Fourth graders are also working on "quick writes." Ask your child about that.

Reading: Third grade students are learning about words with prefixes and suffixes, and how each can change the meaning of a word. They will start using context clues to determine the meanings of literal and nonliteral phrases in different texts. Fourth grade has been reading short stories and talking about characters, settings and events.

Social Studies: Third grade students have been working on map and globe skills. They are also learning about communities.

Fourth grade is studying Idaho History and natural features of our state.

Science: The Fourth grade is focusing on the big idea of cycles in nature, focusing on the moon's phases and those in the solar system. A study of the planets will follow.

Third graders are also learning about how the Earth, sun and moon interact in a series of stations. Students will build background prior to and review after the stations.

Monthly newsletters will be sent electronically. Please call or send a note if you need a hard copy sent home. You are always welcome to stop by, e-mail, call, or volunteer in the classrooms.