

**Troy
Elementary**

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

October 3, 2018

What's Happening

Special points of interest:

No school Friday, Oct. 5th

Evening conferences Oct. 16 & 17th

Early Release Thurs. Oct. 18th

No school Friday Oct. 19th

Late start (10:15) Wed. Oct. 24th

Please help your 4th grader commit to memory multiplication facts by practicing at home.

A special thank you to TES Parent Group for funding the Project Based Learning and Interactive Notebooks supplements for 3rd and 4th grade math and science.

Reminder: *Halloween is celebrated at home with families and not observed in school.*

Be on the lookout:

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

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Math: Third grade students are focusing on understanding the different properties and how they work in multiplication and division. These include the identity, commutative, associative, and distributive properties. Students must attend to precision when justifying their reasoning on why a property makes sense mathematically.

Fourth grade students are working on using their knowledge of place value to multiply and divide using a number of different strategies. Students must be able to demonstrate understanding of how the different strategies and properties work together by justifying their answers. Ultimately, students will use the traditional algorithm to cross multiply 4 by 1 and 2 by 2 equations and 4 digit dividends with 1 digit divisors.

Writing: Third grade students have started cursive writing, and working on their names in cursive. They will also be writing and answering questions that go along with the chapter book that we will start reading.

Fourth graders are working on news articles for their "planetary discoveries." The goal is to have them completed by conferences for your reading and viewing pleasure. Be sure to check them out! They will also be writing and answering questions that go along with the novel we will be reading.

Reading: Third grade students will be starting the chapter book Charlotte's Web and doing activities with it for the next few weeks. They will also take their first Benchmark test this month so we will be reviewing for that.

Fourth grade students have been working on determining the theme in a poem, drama, or story. They will start the chapter book Chester and Gus and doing activities with it for the next few weeks. They will have their first benchmark test this month also.

Social Studies: Third grade students are reading about how communities are different, and that every community has a story.

Fourth graders are starting to read and learn about Idaho's native people and will start a research project on the different tribe's of Idaho.

Science:

4th graders are finishing up the Forces and Motion segment. They will be starting Simple Machines next week.

3rd graders are engaged through a series of investigations that focus on different topics: Life Cycles, Animal Groups, Fun with Fossils, Survival Characteristics, Animal Inspired Technology, Changes in the Environment, and Heathy Habits. The Next Generation Science standards guide small group and independent work.

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