

**Troy
Elementary**

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

September 5, 2018

Special points of interest:

No school Mon. Sept. 3rd, Thurs.
Sept. 13th and Fri. Sept. 14th.

Late Start(10:15am) Wed. Sept.
25th.

Be on the lookout:

- Reading logs come home every Wednesday.
- Spelling words will come home every Monday.
- Spelling tests are every Friday.
- Math homework begins Monday, September 17. Both grades will have homework M-TH. These assignments help students practice the skills of math review topics, time management and the transfer and return of papers from home. 4th grade parents will need to sign the math homework before it is returned to school.

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What's Happening

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 grade students will be learning about the differences between a poem, prose and dramas. They will eventually be writing poems of their own.

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 students are learning about character traits, settings and events. Students will also be determining an implicitly stated theme, or multiple themes, of a story, drama, or poem while summarizing the text.

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

Fourth grade students will be studying Idaho History and natural features of our state.

Science: The Fourth grade is focusing force and motion.

Third graders are focusing on ecosystems. The interdependent relationships within, food chains and adaptations are but a few of the topics students will be investigating.

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.