

**Troy
Elementary**

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

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What's Happening

Special points of interest:

No school Friday, Oct. 6th

Evening conferences Oct. 17 & 18th

Early Release Thurs. Oct. 19th

No school Friday Oct. 20st

Late start (10:15) Wed. Oct. 25th

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 view a picture and then do a "quick write" about what is happening in the picture.

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!

Reading: Third grade students are learning about finding information in expository text and using electronic search tools. They have also been using context clues to determine the meanings of literal and nonliteral phrases in different literary texts.

Fourth grade students have been working on determining the theme in a poem, drama, or story. 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 tribes of Idaho.

Science: The Fourth grade will be working with weather and understanding the weather/water cycle.

Third graders are working within a "Daily 5" model for science stations. On one rotation students will read and comprehend information, create a model, use a graphic/information organizer, collect and record data, use appropriate vocabulary, and reflect on their learning. This week's study: Our Moon.

Monthly newsletters will be sent electronically. Please call or send a note if you need a hard copy sent home.

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