

**Troy  
Elementary**

# Mrs. Sandquist's and Mrs. Sullins' Third and Fourth Grade News

## What's Happening

November 1, 2017

### Special points of interest:

- Please join us on Nov. 10th at 1:30 for the Veteran's Program in the high school gym.
- Late Start (10:15) Wed. Nov. 15th.
- Thanksgiving break: Wed. Nov. 22nd thru Sun. Nov. 26th.
- Remind your child to put their name on their math homework before turning it in.
- Please have your 4th grader practice multiplication facts.
- Please have your 3rd grader practice addition and subtraction facts to and from 20 respectively.

### Be on the lookout:

- Reading logs come home every Wednesday.
- Remind your child to bring their homework back.
- Spelling words come home every Monday.
- Spelling test every Friday.
- Look for math homework Monday through Thursday.

**Math:** This quarter, 4th grade students are focusing on numbers and operations with decimals and fractions. Students must be able to read, write, and connect models of fractions and decimals, compare decimals to the hundredths, and add fractions with unlike denominators of 10 and 100. I stress for students to show all their work when working with fractions, especially when they multiply both numerator and denominator to get the same denominator before adding or subtracting.

3rd: Third graders are also focusing on number and operations in relation to fractions, and measurement and data in relation to liquid volume and mass. We will be working primarily in metric units.

**Writing:** Third grade students will be writing to explain how to make a pumpkin pie, and also reflect and write about what they are thankful for. 4th grade students will start their reports on Native Americans.

**Reading:** Third grade students will be learning about how to use evidence from the text to compare and contrast the most important points and key details in two texts on the same topic.

Fourth grade students will analyze information presented visually, orally, or quantitatively, and explain how the information contributes to the overall understanding of the text in which it appears.

**Social Studies:** 3rd grade students will investigate how our nation's government works. We will be talking about the difference between elected and appointed leaders, and identify the three branches of the national government.

Fourth grade students will be reading about, then researching, the different Native American tribes of Idaho and write a report on one of the tribes.

**Science:** November will focus on:

3rd: The Moon. The third graders have just finished sponge painting a moon. We discussed making it look realistic by working with layers and shades of paint. Students will be working within the Daily 5 framework when stations begin. As a culminating activity, students will write a story that contains facts about the solar system and moon.

4th: Fourth grade will be studying stars and constellations next week. Currently, students are working on a news article describing their newly discovered solar system in content area writing.

*Learning is always rebellion.... Every bit of new truth discovered is revolutionary to what was believed before.*

- Margaret Lee Runbeck