

Look What's Happening in Third Grade!

Mrs. Burkhour's Class : September 21, 2018

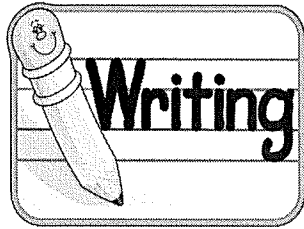
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Curriculum News

Reading

I enjoyed reading with students this week and getting to know them better as readers! This week we also began a new text in our reading unit, *The Case of the Gasping Garbage*. We are continuing to focus on the character actions and motivations and how those affect the sequence of events in the story. We are also continuing to work on our reading stamina as a class. We have been focusing on staying engaged in our texts as we read and being active readers- thinking while we read!

Writing



This week in writing we have used our class text from reading to look closely at the characters, setting and sequence of events. We have practiced creating realistic characters through a character sketch, describing our setting and also planning a sequence of events for our narrative writing.

Social Studies/ Science

Michigan Geography

This week we learned about natural and human characteristics of Michigan. We also made Salt Dough Maps to represent different land-forms of Michigan!



Math

This week we took our first Quick Quiz and had our first re-teaching day. Quick Quizzes are a way for me to "check in" with students on the learning we have done so far. We will continue to work on these skills through out Unit 1. We also added our 10's & 9's facts this week and learned about the Quick Nines strategy. Next week will take our second Quick Quiz and also add our 3's and 4's facts.

Growth Mindset

This week we focused on setting SMART Goals and creating a Growth Mindset Class Slogan. Students set a goal form themselves to focus on for our first trimester in an area they felt they could use a Growth Mindset. We also created a slogan for our class to use when we feel we need a reminder of keeping that Growth Mindset. See Class Dojo for a picture of our slogan!
Our Growth Mindset read aloud this week was Rosie Revere Engineer.

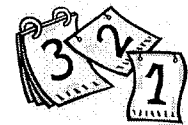
Important Dates

September 24-28:
Spirit week

September 25: Library Day

September 28: Reading Log Due

October 2: Picture Day



Important Information

Snack

Please be sure to send in **two healthy snack each day** for your student! We can always use snack donations! Thank you to those who have sent a donation in already.

Book Order

Book orders were due today! If you still would like to order, please let me know and I will wait to submit our order. I plan to submit the order on Sunday evening.

Library

We have library on Tuesday's. Please be sure to return library books, even if your student would like to renew them!

Reading Logs

Students received a new reading log today! Students are expected to read 20 minutes each night. Please return reading logs each Friday!

Spirit Week

Next week is Spirit Week in honor of our Homecoming. Please see the handout sent home this week for specific details on spirit days. Go Falcons!

growth mindset

ways to help your child

TALK ABOUT IT

Talk with your child about his or her day, but guide the discussion by asking questions like:

- Did you make a mistake today? What did you learn?
- What did you do that was difficult today?

ENCOURAGE FAILURE (say what?!)

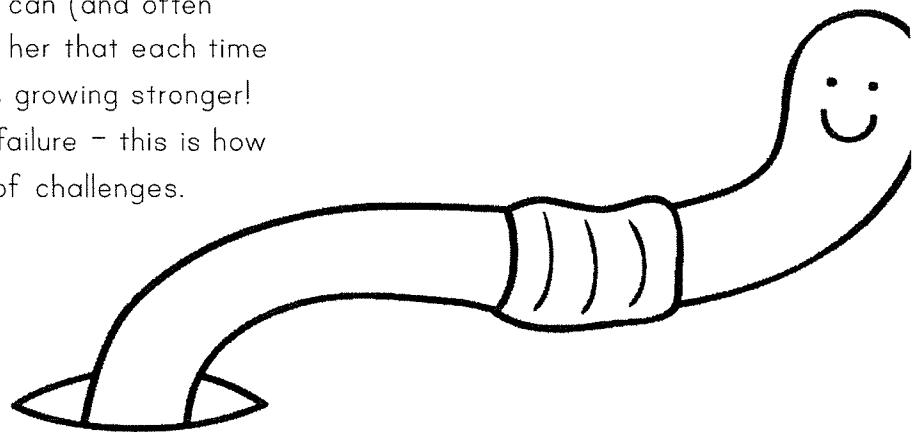
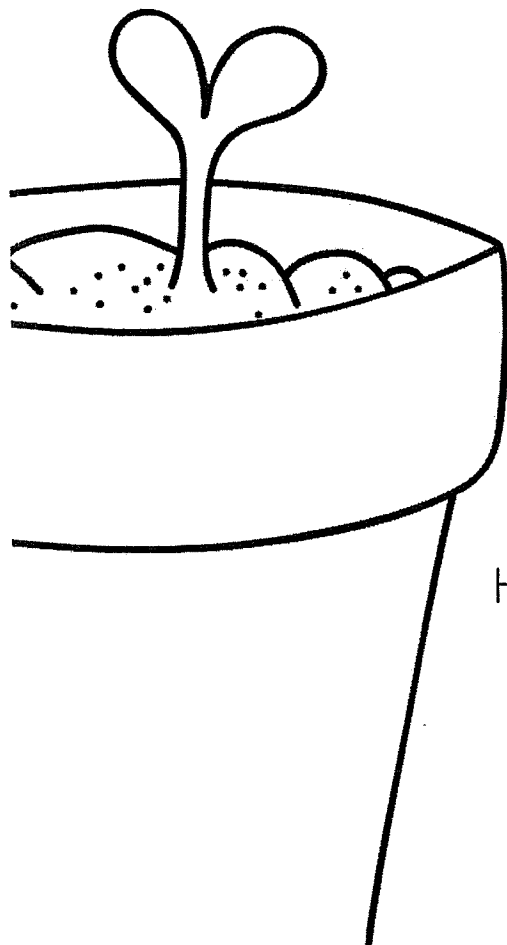
Your child needs to know that failure can (and often does) happen and it is **okay!** Remind her that each time she fails and tries again, her brain is growing stronger! Don't step in to prevent your child's failure - this is how she learns to persevere in the face of challenges.

PRAISE THE PROCESS

Instead of saying, "You're so smart!" praise effort, goal setting, persisting through challenges, or being creative.

You can say something like:

- "Wow! You must have worked really hard on this!"



THE BRAIN CAN GROW!

Remind your child that his or her intelligence is not fixed. Remind her that when things are difficult, her brain grows if she persists through the challenge. Each time she learns something new, her brain is making new connections. Your child needs to know this is possible!

HELP THEM CHANGE THEIR DIALOGUE

The way your child talks to himself makes a huge impact on his mindset. If he says, "This is too hard!" help him change that to "I can't do this yet, but I will keep trying." Give him the words to say when he is feeling defeated by modeling it yourself!

Name: _____

Home Reading Log

Due: 9-28-18

Monday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Tuesday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Wednesday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Thursday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Friday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Saturday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:
Sunday	Title:	Minutes Read:
		Parent Signature:

Weekly Goal: 100 mins.

Total Minutes read for the week: _____