

February 2010

Dear Third Grade Parents,

Get ready for another exciting month of learning!
Here's what's new in Third Grade:

Math: We are halfway through a Geometry Unit about two dimensional and three dimensional figures that we will finish this month. We have studied rays, lines, and line segments, as well as triangles, quadrangles and polygons using hands on explorations and games.

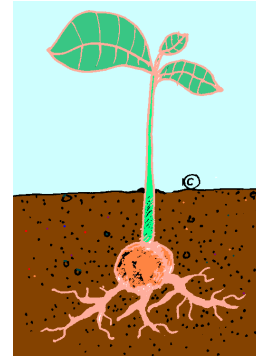
Reading: Your child is currently learning how to write a book recommendation for his/her independent reading book. This month we will practice sharing what we are reading in written and oral language. Your child will be responsible for writing a recommendation and sharing the recommendation with the class by giving a "book talk." This will expose all students in the class to different kinds of books and engage them in a conversation about literature.

Writing: We are now in the "Growing Ideas" phase of the writing process. Your child is learning to expand his/her ideas about various writing topics using a range of techniques including quick writes, webs, and story element plotting. In the upcoming weeks, your child will begin writing his/her first discovery draft of the year!

Language and Word Study: We have begun a formal study of word and letter sounds to improve your child's phonetic awareness which will aid in spelling and decoding of words. We began discussing the difference between consonants and vowels and are working with the consonant-vowel-consonant-e pattern to form long vowel sounds in English. In grammar, your child has been exploring the difference between proper and common nouns. Soon, we will begin the study of verbs in order to lead into a unit on sentence structure.

Theme: February is an exciting month for Theme as we will finish our unit on Sound and Hearing, move quickly through a short theme on World Grassland Habitats, and then begin our next science unit on Plants. In our Sound unit, we had a very exciting presentation about the ear, hearing and deafness from Antonio Esteban, Sofia's father. If you have any expertise on a particular topic that we are studying in Theme or would like to participate in any of our activities, please let me know!

As always, please feel free to contact me at anytime at elizabethfreedman@gmail.com!



Best Regards,
Elizabeth Freedman
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Queridos padres:

Continuamos trabajando arduamente, específicamente con los preparativos para el acto del próximo 26 de febrero.

Hemos integrado la lectura compartida con sociales ya que estamos haciendo investigaciones sobre los personajes más relevantes de nuestro Carnaval.

Durante los talleres de lectura, hemos comenzado los círculos de literarios, en los cuales, divididos por grupos, trabajamos diversas estrategias, tales como, las comparaciones entre los personajes y las descripciones de los elementos más importantes de las historias.

Luego en escritura, estamos comenzando a trabajar la poesía, enfocados en el tema del Carnaval Dominicano, haremos diferentes ejercicios que motivarán y estimularán la producción en conjunto de este tema.

¡Los esperamos a todos en el acto este próximo 26 de febrero!

Se despide,
Massiel Cabrera