



Third Grade Monthly News



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Hot Topics!



Third graders are beginning their journeys towards the NYS E.L.A. and Math Assessments, which they will take in April and May. Students will take their first predictive assessments this month. These practice tests will help us determine our students' strengths and weaknesses so that we can adjust our teaching. The students are exploring story elements in reading. They write about each book that they read in their reading response notebooks. In fact, students write four responses for each book that they read. Third graders are also learning all about the building blocks of sentences: nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The students have been searching for "striking sentences," and they have been experimenting with different ways to write interesting sentences of their own. Our ongoing poetry study continues, and the students all published poems in October that are now on our "Hooked on Poetry" wall. You will be able to read their published poems from September and October when you visit school for Parent-Teacher Conferences.



Animal Research at the AMNH

We had an amazing trip to the American Museum of Natural History! It was so much fun to research animals from the different continents that the students are studying in Social Studies. The students were also very excited to visit the special frog exhibit to see dozens of unusual frogs from around the world. The biggest surprise was when we saw full-grown African Clawed Frogs, the same species that live in Class 344. (The 344 tadpoles, by the way, are now frogs!)



Laptop Learning



Every student has had a chance to use a laptop this month. Students learned to login to the computers and navigate to educational websites. Some students practiced math skills by playing math games on the computer. All students have typed their writing and learned to save their work to a flash drive. Students will use computers this year to learn from many internet-based resources, create PowerPoint presentations, word-process, and much more!

Dates to Remember

- Nov. 3 - Election Day
- Nov. 10 - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 11 - Veterans' Day
- Nov. 13 - Picture Day
- Nov. 26-27 - Thanksgiving Recess
- Nov. 28 - School closed



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We want to hear from you! Feel free to send us notes in your child's homework folder or give us a call at the school to set up a meeting. **Working together** we will help your child succeed. We can't wait to see you at **Parent-Teacher Conferences!**