

# Friday Notes



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## Third Grade News

I hope everyone enjoyed their long weekend and farewell to summer! We got right back to work when we returned and finished the week with an awesome kickoff to our Accelerated Reader program.

In case any of you are unfamiliar with that program, I would like to take some time to discuss how it works in our classroom. First, as you know, each child took a test that helped set a reading range for them. They are to check out and read books only in that range. A points goal was set based on that range for the quarter. For example, for a range of 2.2-3.2, the goal may be 9 points.

After they have read a book, they have an opportunity to take an online quiz based on their book. Each book is worth a certain number of points. **The students are allowed and encouraged to use their books while taking quizzes.** This is great practice for the end of grade tests, as the students will be expected to look back in passages for their answers on the end of grade test in reading comprehension.

In order for the students to earn points from their quizzes, their accuracy average must be 85%. Students who meet their personal points goals will be rewarded at the end of the quarter. You will see a report of your child's progress at the bottom of their weekly report.

Accelerated Reader is a program that is used to get children excited about reading. It is in no way tied into their grades for our class and is solely meant to be a fun and motivational tool for reading.

## Upcoming InView IQ Testing in the Third Grade

All third graders in Rowan County will take the InView IQ test this week.

Our students will take their test on Thursday. This is not a test that anyone should feel nervous about and it is not something that the students can prepare for. This test measures how the children think about problems, patterns, sequences, analogies, and logical reasoning. The scores will be reported and explained to you as soon as we receive them. We are unaware as to when we will receive results. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to contact me!

Mark  
your  
Calendar

- September 17- InView IQ testing for all third graders
- September 22- PTA Open House and Book Fair 6:30
- September 22-25- Book Fair
- September 28- Teacher Workday- No School for students
- September 29- 1st Progress Reports go home



As many of you have noticed, my SchoolNotes website is GONE! I backed it up (trying to keep this from happening) and it disappeared. I had worked hours on the site, and will have to do it over again. Please be patient with me as I work to get the site up and running. If you sign up for the notification list, I will send you an e-mail when we are up and running again. I apologize for any inconvenience and appreciate your patience with me as I deal with this situation.