

FRIDAY NOTES

From the desk of Mrs. Covington

THANK YOU!!

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated supplies and extra things for our classroom. I feel so blessed to work in a learning community where everyone does their part! You guys are the best!

**Our class SchoolNotes page is up and running. I update it regularly and it contains valuable information about our class. You can access it by going to <http://new.schoolnotes.com/xpages/view/5528>

Don't Forget!

September Dates

September 7- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL

September 11- AR Kick off

September 28- Teacher Workday

September 29- Progress Reports

October 30- Workday

November 10- Report Cards

November 11- Veteran's Day- No School

AR Kickoff

The children received their AR levels and goals this week, and have begun working toward their goal. Next Friday, we will jump start our AR program with a fun filled garden themed kickoff. You will find a report on AR progress on the weekly report each week.

Classroom Wish List

Thank you so much to those who have donated materials to our classroom! We truly appreciate it! If you would like to make further donations, we could really use **dry erase markers, packs of socks (dollar store) to erase white boards, baby wipes, snack size ziploc bags, and small dollar toys or trinkets for our treasure box. Thank you!**

THIRD GRADE HAPPENINGS

Week two was a huge success. The children persevered through their first week of a "normal" (I say that lightly), academic schedule, and there was still fun to be had when it was all said and done. We have finished our novel study, Hour of the Olympics, and learned a tremendous amount about ancient Greece, as well as the ancient and modern olympic games. We completed integrated centers focusing on the novel, began a unit on place value, as well as a unit on map skills. To top it all off, we wrote letters and did our first writing sample. Whew...we were busy, and we will continue to be for the remainder of the school year.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel to contact me via phone, e-mail, agenda notes, or on the weekly report found in this folder.

Next week, we will begin visiting Mrs. Brown's Kindergarten class for reading buddies. Each child will be paired with a kindergarten student. They will read together once a week, with the third graders doing most of the reading at the beginning, and the kindergartners slowly taking over as they are able! This is a great opportunity for our class to increase their confidence in their reading abilities, as well as practicing to become more fluent readers. All the while, we will be helping emergent readers gain confidence and friendship as well!

****Also, please remember to sign the lime green weekly report found in this folder and send it back with the Friday folder on the following school day. I use this report as a record of our communication. Thanks!**

UPCOMING CURRICULUM THEMES

Reading: We will begin reading the story "Cliff Hanger" and focus on the skills of predicting and inferring, cause and effect, and dictionary skills.

Math: Place Value through 9,999

Social Studies: Map Skills and Location

Writing: Setting a purpose/focus for writing and sticking to it!