



Third Grade Weekly Plans

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Virtue: Generosity and Service
Psalms: Psalm 112:4-6
Saying: "A clean bill of health"

Dear Parents,

I would like to congratulate the students on their service project for the Family Place this weekend. The third graders constructed a gingerbread house with the help of your donations to be auctioned at the Gingerbread Festival at Tracey Hall in Norwich. Marilyn Wanner and I attended the festival, and our hearts were full when we saw eighty-three gingerbread houses from the Upper Valley. Our students not always used their strong minds to construct this house, but they also used kind hearts as they persevered to help raise money for the Family Place. Thank you for your time and your donations.



Last week the students had a special surprise. Maddie Kebalka's grandparents are visiting from the Philippines and they came in to visit and read a story to Maddie and her classmates. Myra was in attendance and she shared some treats from the Philippines that she enjoyed when she was Maddie's age. We began this week with another mystery reader, Mr. Nichols, our new caretaker. The students have enjoyed guessing who the mystery reader is as well as listening to stories they've never heard before. Thank you for keeping the joy of reading alive!

The parent portal will be opening at the second half of this week which means that you will be able to view your child's report card shortly. I have sent a Google document around for you to sign up for Parent- Teacher conferences. If you do not see a time that works for you, please let me know and we can work together to find a time that works for both of us. As a class, we are off to a great start and I cannot wait to see what the next two trimesters will bring.

This week we will be "carving" our name in Runes and well as building Viking longships. If you have an empty quart container at home (coffee creamer, egg nog, etc.) and would like to donate one, it would be greatly appreciated. I have a number of them but there's always the possibility that we will need an extra. Thank you!

As you know, Friday is an early dismissal day because of Parent-Teacher conferences. In order to get the 3rd graders ready for the upcoming Holiday Performance, Glee has kindly offered to

invite the 3rd graders to stay after school to practice O Come Little Children and Jingle Bells. The practice will be led by Glee, Sam Harris, and Akiko Huston. Practice will be held on the stage from dismissal till 1:40. Parents can pick up their children at Bancroft at 1:40. This will be a great opportunity for students to get an extra practice before the holiday performance on Wednesday, December 14th. Snacks will be provided.

Have a wonderful week ahead!

With gratitude,

Miss Heather Verheeck

Curriculum this Week:

Each week I will share the curriculum that is covered. This will allow you to know the various units and content that we will study.

Reading: This week we will continue reading the novel, Viking Adventures. Last week we began literature circles and the students will present their findings to their classmates on Monday.

Language Arts: We will begin our mornings with daily oral language in order to practice punctuation and spelling. This week we will wrap up our gingerbread stories and the students will continue learning how to write a solid paragraph with our paragraph a week program.

Spelling:

BLUE: active, activity, safety, safe, festive, special, novelty, festivity, tranquil, specialty, novel, royal, casual, royalty, tranquility, humid, minor, humidity, certain, casualty, sensitive, minority, sensitivity, certainty

GREEN: bookcase, lighthouse, snowman, headache, downhill, headphones, downstairs, headfirst, bookmark, snowflake, downtown, daylight, flashlight, bookworm, downpour, snowstorm, headlight, cookbook, scrapbook, sunlight, countdown, snowplow, headstrong, lightweight

BONUS: Tyrfing, peninsula, fjord

Vocabulary: Lesson 2: Moving Toward Numbers

The root *mot-* as in motion means “to move, to do.” The root *numer-* as in numeral means “number.” The following words are your child’s vocabulary words for the next two weeks: ***motel, motivate, motor, numerical, motionless, motive, numerator, numerous***

Math: This week we will learn how to do long division. The kids will learn the mnemonic: Daddy, Mommy, Sister, Brother, Rover, which means- Divide, Multiply, Subtract, Bring Down, and Repeat. On Monday we will begin this process using numbers that don’t have remainders and by Wednesday I will expose the students to long division with remainders. This is a tough concept and we will take as much time as we need to be sure that the kids have a strong handle on it.

History: We began the week by “carving” our name in Runes. The students were given clap and tools to carve their names. I’ve baked them and on Tuesday the kids will paint their stones. We continued our journey through time as we talked about Viking religion and mythology. We will continue listening to the narrative about a young boy wishing to be a Viking while making Viking ships.

Science: This Tuesday your child will receive a review sheet for their history assessment. It will be a brief assessment and will take place next Monday. This week we will review the human body unit in class and do wrap up activities.

French: Due to the Thanksgiving week, the third-graders only had one week of French, but we attempted to pack into the week what we would usually do in **two weeks**. We learned the names of several animals and reviewed our color vocabulary as we described each one. We played a memory game and had fun assigning actions to each of the animals we

learned. We also made our own 'loterie' cards which allowed each student to appreciate the difference between how French is spoken and how French is spelled. And, of course, we did play a few rounds of 'loterie'

Learning is Fun in Third Grade!

