



Third Grade Weekly Plans

May 2, 2016

TEACHER: Ms. Verheeck

ASSISTANT: Mrs. Smith

Virtue: Graciousness, Humility, & Forgiveness
Psalms: Psalm 131
Saying: "Beat around the bush" and "Beggars can't be choosers"
Chapter Book: Blood on the River

Dear Parents,

Shakespeare Day is right on the horizon! The students are doing a wonderful job memorizing their lines for "Romeo and Juliet." This week we will continue working on the "acting" aspect of the play and we cannot wait to share our second and third grade production of Shakespeare's "Romeo and Juliet" with you! We will begin our school day on Friday by watching the fifth graders perform "A Mid-Summer Night's Dream." Afterwards we will participate in numerous activities, enjoy a special lunch, and then prepare for our performance at 2pm. I would like to thank the following families in advance for helping make Shakespeare Day possible for the third grade:

Beef Stew	Lewellen Family	Schaner Family
Gingerbread	Wainwright Family	
Vegetarian Stew	Reder/Turk Family	
Apple Crisp	Viazmenski Family	
Fruit Salad	Kyung/Park Family	
Milk & Cider	Uiterwyk Family	
Volunteer Servers	Keane	Brinkman
Paper Goods	Viazmenski Family	

Monday begins our first day of ERB testing. It is very important for the students to get a good night's rest next week as well as have a balanced breakfast before coming to school. Please be sure to have your children at school on time next week. Once the testing begins, Mrs. Gautreau will not be able to allow your child to enter the classroom until the testing is complete. The tests will begin at approximately 8:15 AM. If for some reason your child is ill on one of the testing dates, make ups will be on Friday morning.

Before concluding this weekly sheet, I would like to wish all of you a Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for being so supportive in and out of the classroom. After joining us at 2pm on Friday afternoon in Bancroft, enjoy your weekend, you deserve it!

Have a wonderful week ahead. It will be a busy one for sure!

Sincerely,

Heather Verheeck

REMINDER: Please send in Shakespeare costumes by Wednesday May 4th if you have not already done so. Thank you! ☺

****Date Change for Wax Museum** Due to the popularity of May 20th (Second Graders and Middle School Events) the Third Grade Wax Museum will be held on MONDAY, MAY 23rd.**

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 the students will begin reading, Blood on the River, a book about Colonial America.

Language Arts: This week we will be finishing up our explorer logs as well as alliteration creatures. We will focus on reviewing key concepts in grammar and reading as well as begin the writing process for our fairy-tale.

Spelling:

No Spelling this week.

BONUS:

Math: We have been talking about area and this week we will add perimeter to the mix. Last week the students used block lettering to write their names and then they found the area of their names. We've been reading books about area and will be doing numerous projects that revolve around perimeter.

Geography: We are now in the Northeast! This week the students will complete activities about the region they know best!

History: Tuesday is assessment day! The students will take their assessment on European Explorers on Tuesday morning. This week we will begin our last history unit (wow!) on Colonial America. We will cover the following topic: English Colonies. We will begin mapping the thirteen colonies and will write a Colonial American acrostic poem.

Science: Monday morning we will begin our studies learning about The Big Bang Theory. I will use a balloon to demonstrate the theory by drawing dots on the deflated balloon (galaxies), drawing one red dot (Milky Way Galaxy), and then blowing the balloon up to show how as the area expanded, the galaxies moved apart. After that we will learn about Nicolaus Copernicus. We will begin an in-class biography project on Copernicus this week.