



Mach's Minutes!



3rd Grade Newsletter – 3/23/10

Mark Your Calendar:

March 23rd – Science Night!

March 25th – SUPER KID PARTY! If you would like to send in a treat, we have 18 students.

March 26th – Scholastic Book Order Due

March 29th – April 2nd – Spring Break

Supplies Needed:

Kleenex and pencils. Thanks!

Language Arts:

Please continue to encourage your child to read, read, read! I am very proud to say that every one of my students has taken at least one AR test each week this month! The more they read, the better they will get☺

Grammar:

We have been discussing contractions and pronouns.

Spelling:

Spelling is going so well! It is very encouraging to see that the students are more successful, not only with their tests, but with decoding while reading as well. We discuss patterns each week and they are truly understanding and using the correct sounds more often!

We have really focused on initial consonant blends this month. A blend is 2 consonants that come together to make 1 sound. We have used blends such as, fl, cl, bl, pl, sl, gl, sc, sk, sm, st, sp, sn, dw, sw, tw, and br, cr and dr.

Mathematics:

We are reviewing fractions for Unit 8. We are also spending a lot of time reviewing basic skills that some of us are not getting. Each student wrote down what specific things they really need to work on. Many of us still need help with time, place value, counting money and measuring. They need to be studying their multiplication facts at home. We are starting to take timed quizzes on Mondays and Fridays.

Science:

The students are learning about light and sound. They are all working on reading a book called, Nothing Sticks Like a Shadow.

Updates:

*Chase the Rainbow – For the month of March the students are receiving Skittles for Accelerated Reading tests that they pass. They receive 1 scoop for an 80%, 2 scoops for a 90% and for 100% they get 3 scoops and their name in the drawing for a special prize at the end of the month!

*Thank you for your support for Two-Can Tuesday! Every cent counts☺

*A reminder that our trip to Mackinac Island is May 21st. Please turn in your slip if you would like to be considered a chaperone. We will be doing a lottery.

