

December 9, 2013

# CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

It's another busy week in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade! We will be working on a special project this week—please send in any empty 20-ounce Sobe Life Water or Gatorade bottles that you might have at home. We appreciate it!

## The Pieces of our Day

### Readers' Workshop

\*This week, we'll continue analyzing story elements (Character, setting, plot, problem, solution) as we read realistic fiction. We'll make connections between stories that we read. We'll also continue to talk about synthesizing and summarizing as we read.

### Writers' Workshop

\*We'll finish our final copies of our realistic fiction stories this week, then take time to share them with each other. We'll end the week with a special writing project that celebrates our families.

### Word Study

\*This week, we'll focus on more words that have syllable patterns. Look for your child's list of 5 high frequency words stapled in his/her planner. Our test will be on Friday. Your child will be expected to write his/her 5 high frequency words in sentences at the end of the week. On that sheet, you'll also find the poster that describes our spelling pattern. Look for a special word sort assignment stapled to the reading homework—this is due by Thursday!

### Math

\*We will wrap up Unit 5 this week. We'll read and create pictographs, bar graphs, frequency tables, and line plots. Our test will be on Friday. Each student will also take a survey of our class and make a graph book to represent their data.

\*Look for math homework to come home Monday-Thursday this week, unless your child completes it in class. It is always due the next day.

### Health

\*This week, we'll talk about diseases you can't catch from others. We'll talk about ways that we can fight disease by living a healthy lifestyle. We'll review on Wednesday and take our test on Thursday.

## Weekly Schedule

Monday, 12/9-Music

Tuesday, 12/10-Media, library books due,  
PTO Community Giving Event (6:30 p.m.)

Wednesday, 12/11-Art

Thursday, 12/12-Music

Friday, 12/13-Gym, mock trial with Judge  
Hansen (Mrs. Hansen's father-in-law), Twin  
Day

Monday, 12/16-Music

Tuesday, 12/17-Gym

Wednesday, 12/18-Art

## Upcoming Events

\*December 20-Winter Party

\*December 21-January 5—NO SCHOOL

\*January 20-NO SCHOOL

\*January 22-Author visit (Michelle Nelson-  
Schmidt)—2:30 p.m.

Look who's in the Spotlight!  
ANNIKA is our Super Star Kid!



## Putting the Pieces Together

(Conversation starters for the week)

1. What did you decide to ask the class for your survey in math?
2. How can you lead a healthy lifestyle?
3. What are some features of realistic fiction stories?



\*Please make sure your child is reading for at least 15 minutes each night! Send in the bright pink reading sheets each time a row is filled in!

\*Reading homework will come home on Monday and is due on Thursday.

\*Word Study homework will be stapled to the reading homework. This is also due Thursday!

\*Math homework will come home Monday-Thursday this week and is due the next day.

## Happy Birthday to You



Kelly—December 7  
Jayden—December 29