

MRS. MCELHENNON'S AUGUST NEWS!

This month we are learning...

A note from Mrs. M

Math: The first week of school will be a lot of review and "get to know you" type things. However, we will start discussing our big third grade standard, multiplication! We begin by approaching this as repeated addition and arrays. Not only are these great strategies and allows the kids to feel less intimidated, but it strengthens the connection between their K-2 skills with a new third grade concept!

Reading

Like math, we will work on review and getting to know each other. Our main focus will be in asking and answering questions. We will also start gathering information from texts and other resources and engage in group discussions.

Science:

None this month! We are focused on Social Studies.

Social Studies

We will hit the ground running with civics and government. We will discuss local, state, and federal government and the branches. We will also discuss how citizens participate in their communities. We will tie this into our own classroom and school community and how we can be positive members of our community!

Hello families! I am so excited to be apart of your child's educational journey! Third grade is so much fun, and I love to watch all the positive growth that happens during the year. Please let me know how I can help make third grade the best year yet!

Class birthdays and upcoming events

Happy Birthday!

Please let me know if you DO NOT want your child's birthday shared.

Important dates:

8/29- First day of school!

9/2-Early Release

9/5- No school

9/8- BOG Test

Homework

- Read for enjoyment (magazines, graphic novels, picture books are all ok!) for 30 min each night
- Study your multiplication facts for 20 min
- Fill out your log for both

MRS. MCELHENNON'S SEPTEMBER NEWS!

This month we are learning...

A note from Mrs. M

Math: We have hit the ground running with multiplication! We are working on solving the multiplication problems with repeated addition, equal groups, and arrays. The kids are working on "traveling the world with multiplication". Please look at the tests as they come to know what facts your third grader is working on! If they earn 80% or higher, they pass that country and will move on. I am attaching a list of what fact families are in each country. Also, be sure to ask them what their bead necklaces are. :)

Reading

We have started our first EL module. We will be reading various texts about overcoming learning challenges. While we read, we will be discussing the gist of story and supporting details. The students will also be learning about affixes and starting third grade Letterland.

Science:

None this month! We are focused on Social Studies.

Social Studies

We are still working civics and government. We will discuss local, state, and federal government and the branches. We will also discuss how citizens participate in their communities. We will tie this into our own classroom and school community and how we can be positive members of our community!

Hello families!

We have had a great first 2 weeks of school! I hope the kids are coming home excited about third grade! Please let me know if you have questions or I can help in anyway!

Class birthdays and upcoming events

Happy Birthday!

9/13-Alex

Important dates:

9/15 mClass testing

9/26 Teacher workday-No school

9/27-Interims go home

9/29 Curriculum night

Homework

- Read for enjoyment (magazines, graphic novels, picture books are all ok!) for 30 min each night
- Study your multiplication facts for 20 min
- Fill out your log for both

MRS. MCELHENNON'S OCTOBER NEWS!

This month we are learning...

A note from Mrs. M

Math: We are almost finished with multiplication until it makes its return in quarter 2. We will still take our weekly tests-so keep up the studying! Soon we will move into represent and interpreting data using bar and pictographs. Answer "how many more" and "how many less" questions about graphs. We will apply multiplication when we see that one symbol may represent more than 1 vote. We will also be working on addition and subtraction with regrouping within 1000.

Reading
We are still working on our first EL module. We have read various literary texts about overcoming learning challenges, now we are focusing on informational texts. The kids will choose a country and learn more about how they overcome learning challenges there. Then they will write a paragraph about their findings.

Science:
We are learning about the structure and function of the human body. We will start with the bones, then muscles, and finish it off with skin. We will compare the function of skeleton and muscles. We will also learn why skin is necessary for protection.

Social Studies

None we are focused on science

Hello families! Our school is officially becoming Wake Forest iSTEM Magnet Elementary! It is a very exciting time to be a WFES Cougar! We also received our new "tv"- Promethean ActivPanel. We have been learning all the cool things it has to offer!

Class birthdays and upcoming events

Important dates:

10/10-No School
10/13-STAR Math
10/24-Town Hall Field Trip
10/25-Picture Day!
10/25-10/27 CoGAT Testing
10/27-PTA Family Movie Night
10/31 Fall STEM and Learning Celebration

Homework

- Read for enjoyment (magazines, graphic novels, picture books are all ok!) for 30 min each night
- Study your multiplication facts for 20 min
- Fill out your log for both