



**Ms. Perin's Frogtastic
3rd Grade!
September 21, 2018**



Dear Room 5 Families,

This has been a challenging week in 3rd Grade. As Mr. Lohman announced last week, due to increased enrollment, we have needed to reconfigure many classes. We are all very excited for the opportunity to have smaller class sizes but it was very difficult to say goodbye to four students who are now in Mrs. Gillingham's class. The students are all very happy that they will still have recess and lunch with their friends. We spent time this week processing the changes and rebuilding our classroom community.

Below is a description of the activities we have been working on this week.

Literacy

This week our class has been focusing on stories and storytelling. We have also talked about what we can learn from stories and their characters.

- **High-Frequency Words:** Our watch out words this week were: **glad, grabs, camp, stamp, cramp, man, rack, snack, cat, hand, clap, anthill, click, bit, grin, pin, miss, sick, bill, and lift.** Our oral vocabulary words were **ached, concentrate, educated, effort, improved, inspired** and, **satisfied.** (Watch Out Words are the students weekly spelling words. Oral vocabulary words are words that students are learning the meaning of.)
- **Spelling/Phonics:** This week students reviewed the short a and short i vowel sounds.
- **Comprehension Skill:** Character Traits
- **Comprehension Strategy:** Visualize

Here are some activities that you can do with your child to help reinforce the skills we've be practicing.

Word Workout

- **Watch Out Words: synonyms** Your child can use one of the vocabulary words in a sentence. Then you will repeat the same sentence and substitute a word with a similar meaning for the vocabulary word. You'll take turns doing this until you've used all the words.
- **Spelling/Phonics: short a, i** Read the words to your child. Have your child raise one or two hands to show what sound he or she hears in a word.

Comprehension: character

Your child can read a story and figure out the character traits of each character. Then your child can identify the words that describe the character.

Math

We continued Topic 1, Numeration. This week students learned how to round 3-digit and 4-digit numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. We used number lines to help us find the halfway number which helped to decided whether to round up or down. Students also practiced how to make an organized list to find solutions to problems or riddles. Next week we will be taking our first math test which I will show you at conferences.

Social Studies

The students are continuing to learn about being safe, responsible, and respectful throughout our school. We are learning how to work together as a community in order to have the best 3rd grade year possible! Everyone has been doing a wonderful job.

Dates & Reminders

- **September 24th-28th - Week A**
- **September 26th** - Early Release at 1:50
- **September 28th** - PTA Game Night
- **October 3rd** - Early Release at 1:50
- **October 10th** - Early Release at 1:50
- **October 9th, 11th, and 12th - 11:45 early release for conferences** - In the afternoons on those days, I will have a chance to visit with each family. These conferences are 15 minutes long and I would love for you to bring your 3rd grader with you. You'll be able to share personal insights about your child and they can catch you up on how things are going in class. **On Thursday I sent home the blue sign up sheet. If you have not yet sent it back, please make sure you do so as soon as possible.**
- **October 18th** - Individual Picture Day

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and I will see you Monday!

Sincerely,
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