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Class webpage: www.kleman.weebly.com (Changing over to Canvas soon - more to come on this!)

Third Grade Happenings!

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Mrs. Kleman

September 25-29, 2017

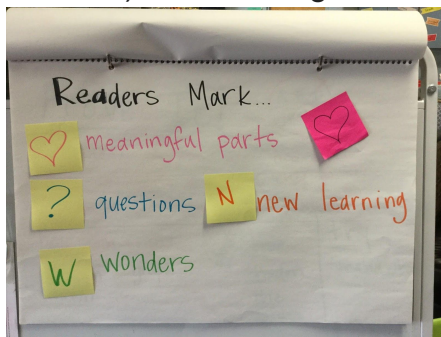
Guided Reading

Guided reading groups are up and running! In addition to word solving strategies, our comprehension focus has been on the following standards:

Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events

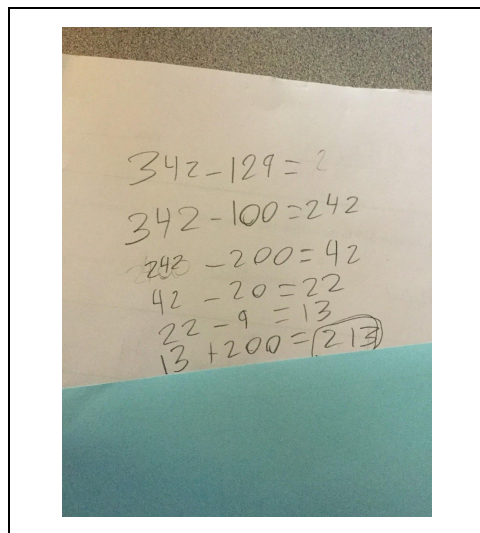
The most exciting part of guided reading and independent reading has been the students' excitement! While reading, the students are always thinking (like all good readers;) and marking...



This leads the students to want to write about their

reading. This writing may eventually become a published blog! This awareness seems to be an exciting motivator for our readers and writers!

Math



While the students have the option to choose the strategy that works best for them, we have been exploring the removal strategy - above is an example! This strategy helps the students when traditional "borrowing" is necessary.

We are also working on telling time on analog clocks to the nearest minute. While this builds upon the 2nd grade standards, many students would benefit from additional

practice, as they rarely see analog clocks in their daily lives.

In math we are also exploring situations when an estimation may be sufficient, verses an exact answer. The word that the students relate to estimation is **about**. They are learning that having an estimation also allows them to check the reasonability of the actual answer when they are solving precisely.

ST Math

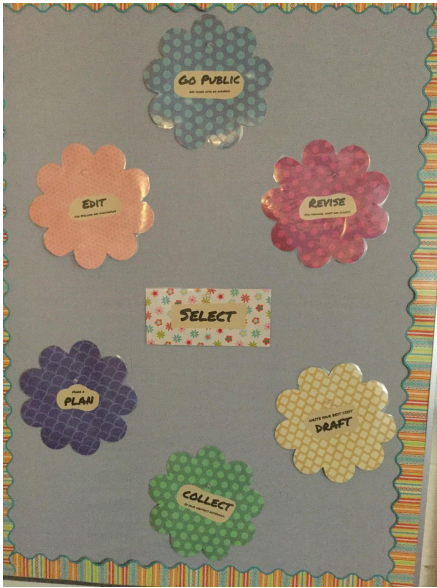
Students can access ST Math at home and should! This is a great resource (and they LOVE it;) Here is the [eschool link](#). From here they should know what to do. reasonability of their actual answers when they solve a problem precisely.

Canvas

We are working with Mrs. Barger, our technology teacher, and learning how to upload assignments into our class Canvas Course (online). I wasn't aware that parents are getting emails in regards to due dates, missed assignments and such. My apologies! Please disregard all emails in regard to Canvas at this time. We are practicing:) I'll let you know if/when you need to "be on alert." Thanks so much!

Writing

Writing Process



Blogging

Together, we are learning the process of creating a blog. While everyone is eager to share their thinking we are learning that quality blogs take time, planning, and revision.

To access your child's blog at home click [here](#) - they know how to login! It would be beneficial for the students to practice writing meaningful comments on one another's posts.

Throughout the year we will focus on different genres of writing. In doing this, the students will begin to see that ALL genres have a similar process!

Writing Workshop

We have been learning to use our writer's notebooks for collecting story seeds, planning and writing first drafts.

The students have now **selected** a story to take through the remainder of the writing process. In the next few weeks, they will be introduced to editing, revising and going public.

#myreadinglife

Mrs. Caserta joined us via Skype from her classroom at Norwich Elementary and shared her reading life with us! The students get so much out of these experiences!

Mrs. Caserta shared favorite books and poems from her childhood. She also talked about her adult reading life and use of e-books. It's easy!

If you haven't yet, contact me to schedule a time to come in, Skype, or ??? Anything goes!



Word Work

Our weekly word work focus can be found [here](#). Please note, I switched week two and week three. We focused on consonant clusters at the ends of words this week. Next week we will focus on short vowels.

Each week the students participate in several word study lessons/activities. They then use Story Bird (website) and the Explain Everything (app) to share a silly story or poem that they have written.

Click below to check-out some of our silly stories and poems!

[Consonant clusters at the beginning of words](#)

[Consonant clusters at the ends of words](#)

Class Webpage

I am working on moving our class website to Canvas. Until then the class website can be found at:

www.kleman.weebly.com

October Happenings...

Oct. 2-6 Scholastic Book Fair
Please make checks payable to Alton Darby PTO.

We will browse on Tuesday and shop on Wednesday! Please sent money/check on Wednesday. The book fair is also open until 8:00 on Thursday night if you would like to shop as a family.

Oct. 7 - Cardboard Challenge!

I don't often do this, but the children are just getting us to wearing sweatshirts and jackets. Here are a few that were left behind this week.



Have a wonderful weekend!