

Third Grade Happenings!

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One2One

We have officially gone One2One! Each student has an iPad checked out to them and they are *up and running!* While we have been exploring a few apps (Popplet and Padlet), our focus is, *how can this tool help us as learners?* This will be a year long investigation;)

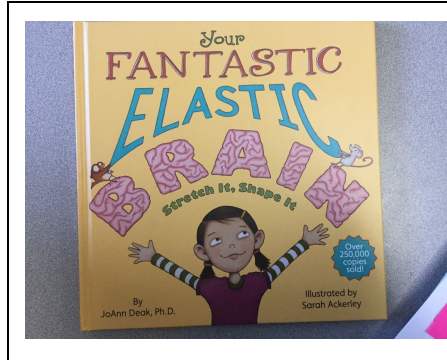
All of the student have been given a (verbal) technology license. As they learn to use their iPads as a learning tool, there will be times that they may lose their tech license for the day. This is a part of the learning process! Please do not be alarmed if your child comes home and shares that they have "lost their license" for the day.



Mindset!

Did you know that you can make your brain grow? And it only takes a little practice each day! Check out one of the cool videos we watched this week! Click [here](#).

A positive mindset is a key component of our classroom puzzle. R-Factor Training will be take place throughout the year!



Math

The students took Unit 1 pre-assessment this week. The purpose of pre-assessing is to help me make instructional decisions based on each student's understanding. Pre-assessments will be sent home at the end of the unit, with the post assessment attached.



Above: Mrs. Dornburgh was a guest reader this week. She read, *An Angel for Solomon Singer*. Ask your child what the message/theme of the story was.

Writer's Notebooks!

Writing workshop is up and running! Just as we are building our reading life, we are building our life as writers as well. This week we have focused on...

- The purpose of your writer's notebook
- Stories are EVERYWHERE!
- Authors get ideas from one another
- We know a lot about writing already and can build upon what we know



Customizing our Writer's Notebooks!

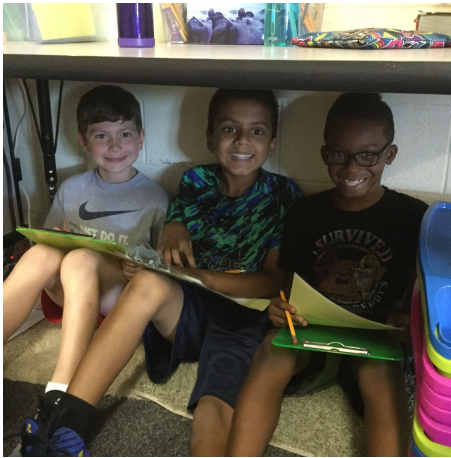
Please have your child bring the items they have been collecting for their notebooks to school on **Tuesday, Sept. 5th**. Please send them in a plastic bag, labeled with your child's name. The items will be modge-podged to the notebooks.

Ideas...pictures, trading cards, ticket stubs, words from magazines, ANYTHING that can be glued onto a notebook to represent him/her in some way.

There is an example on the following page.

Something to think about...

Would you like to come in and share with us about your reading life? ANYTHING GOES! You can read a favorite childhood story, or something more recent;). You could also share what reading means to you and the role it plays in your life. These aren't the only options, just a few ideas. Please contact me if you would like to schedule a time to come in.



Class News

It is my goal to have the students write our weekly news. At this point in the year a lot of our time is still being spent on establishing routines. Once we are rolling along in our daily schedule I will begin using our weekly newsletter as a shared writing experience with the children.. Be on the look-out!



Writer's Notebook Example Above

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.



The students pictured are looking at writing samples from previous third grade students. They used a rubric to help them come up with "stars" (things the writer did that were powerful and appealing to the reader) and "wishes" (what they wish to see the writer try next).

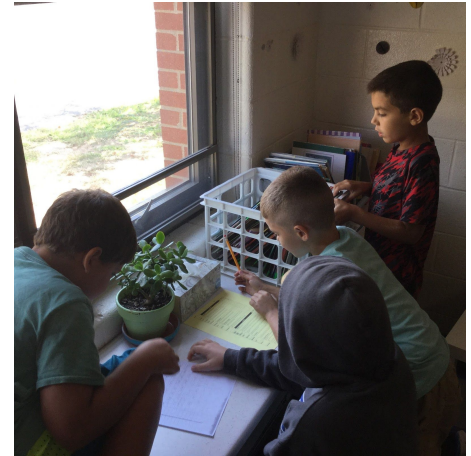
Through read alouds and conversations the students are learning the power of valuable feedback. They are also learning how to accept feedback in the form of "wishes".

Happy Labor Day!

Snacks

We will not have snacks during class unless there is a medical reason to do so.

Please make sure your child is eating a substantial breakfast. Breakfast is also served at school.



Birthday Treats

I ask that birthday treats be non-edible treats. It is the safest way to go with so many food allergies, diet restrictions, etc...

Students may bring a bottle of water, preferably "sweat proof" and marked with his/her name.

Looking Ahead in September

4 - Labor Day, No School

5 - Mumkin Orders due

6 - Curriculum Night, 5:30-6:30pm

11 - PTO Meeting, 6-7pm (Exec mtg); 7pm (General mtg)

16 - AD/DC Warrior Dash, 1-6pm

21 - Student Picture Day

25 - Pastries with Parents, 8am

27 - Mumpkin Sale pick up (this is the correct date)

