

# Third Grade News



from the desk of Mrs. VanSlooten

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<p><b>Math:</b> We started the math unit on fractions this week. We learned what a unit fraction is and how they are used to make other fractions. We also learned to represent fractions with fraction bars and on a number line.</p>	<p><b>Spelling:</b> This week our spelling covered the controlling r sound in words like fair and bare.</p> <p>In grammar we worked on compound sentences.</p>
<p><b>Reading:</b> Students continue to read mystery books and try to solve mysteries before the author tells us the solutions. We learned to use evidence to support our predictions.</p>	<p><b>Writing:</b> We have been publishing our realistic fiction stories. We are writing our stories over in pre-made blank books. Can't wait to read the finished products!</p>
<p><b>Science:</b> We learned about refraction by doing observations with pennies and pencils in water. We learned that light bends and slows down when it passes through water. Test over light next week!</p>	<p><b>Switch time:</b> In Mr. Oosting's class, students are working with the technology and M-Step questions to get used to taking a reading test on a computer. With Mrs. VanderWall, students are working on the history of Michigan unit.</p>
<p><b>Specials for next week:</b></p> <p>Monday - Gym</p> <p>Tuesday - Music and library</p> <p>Wednesday - Art</p> <p>Thursday - Gym</p> <p>Friday - Music</p>	<p><b>FYI: Upcoming events:</b></p> <p>March 10 - Early release, kids dismissed at 12:15</p> <p>March 13, 15, 16 - Parent teacher conferences</p> <p>March 18 - Alward carnival</p>