

Third Grade News

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<p>Math: We started our time tests this week. Your child hopefully came home with their flashcards to help them practice their facts. We also continued working on measurement - focusing on liquid volume.</p>	<p>Spelling: This week our spelling list was over constant blends.</p> <p>In grammar, we learned about a new type of sentence, a complex sentence. This is a sentence that has a independent clause (a sentence) and dependent clause (not a sentence).</p>
<p>Reading: We continued our work with nonfiction and focused this week on unknown vocabulary words. We read some articles with words blanked out to practice the skill of using the sentences around the word to help us guess what word would make sense.</p>	<p>Writing: We wrote goals for ourselves with the new year arriving.</p> <p>We continued working on our nonfiction writing. We learned the strategy of adding on sentences to explain and describe and we worked on getting vocabulary in our writing.</p>
<p>Social Studies: We learned about the lighthouses and why so many are found in Michigan. We worked on designing our own lighthouse after studying the characteristics of the lighthouses - color, shape, attached buildings, etc.</p>	<p>Switch time: When our class is in Mr. O's room, they are working on making a keynote. When they are with Mrs. VanderWall, they will be learning about the history of Michigan.</p>
<p>Specials for next week:</p> <p>Monday - Music</p> <p>Tuesday - Art and library</p> <p>Wednesday - STEAM</p> <p>Thursday - Gym</p> <p>Friday - Music</p>	<p>FYI: Upcoming events:</p> <p>January 26 - Popcorn Friday!</p> <p>February 2 - Early Release</p> <p>February 5 and 6 - Winter break</p>

