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3rd Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

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Classroom Curriculum

- **Literacy: Informational Writing and Non-Fiction Reading**

A major focus for third grade literacy is ensuring that students are able to read non-fiction texts and write informational essays in response. Our year began with reading about Sacagawea and then students wrote a report about how her qualities were important to Lewis and Clark during the era of Westward Expansion. Students were asked to cite details directly from the text and write to inform. Our next writing assignment will be to write an opinion essay using evidence from two separate texts to appropriately support their claims. We will round out the month of December by continuing to focus on non-fiction and informational writing before we begin fiction and poetry next semester.

- **Math: Multiplication and Division**

We began the year by jumping right into multiplication and division strategies. Something new this year to Bradley is Number Corner. Students practice and utilize different strategies to solve addition, subtraction, multiplication and division problems. By now, students should have a relatively firm grasp on addition and subtraction, although we will continue to deepen our understanding of multiplication and division of whole numbers. By the end of unit two in the iREADY curriculum, students should be able to use place value to round numbers, add and subtract, and multiply. The remainder of the semester will be spent focusing on multi-step word problems.



- **Science and Social Studies/PYP:** We completed our first planner, **How We Organize Ourselves**; an inquiry into societal decision-making economic activities and their impact on humankind and the environment. Our students really seemed to enjoy learning about creating businesses and our Market Day was a huge success. The third graders did a great job keeping track of their spending and many students also enjoyed working together to operate a business in hopes of making a profit. Currently we are working on our **How The World Works** IB planner. In this planner students will learn how the Earth's resources change due to natural forces and processes. Our next planner will carry us through the middle of November and we will close out the semester with our third planner **Where We Are in Place and Time**, in which we focus on how history and resources impact the development of cities.



How to Support At Home:

- Please continue to monitor progress on nightly reading (at least 20 minutes a night) and homework- i.e- Please log-on to iReady math for targeted practice.
- Practice multiplication/division facts 0-12.
- Please review and sign your child's student planner nightly.
- Talk to your child about their progress on their weekly reflection and AR Goal.

Dates to Remember for 3rd Grade:

- October 25th-26th Parent/Teacher conferences 4:00-8:00pm
- October 27th-28th No School- teacher planning and assessment days
- October 31st Halloween Parties –3:00 – 3:45 Parade at 2:45
- November 2nd Literacy Night 6:00–7:30
- November 4th No School
- November 8th Picture Retake Day
- November 14th End of 1st Trimester; Report Cards will be sent home Nov. 18th
- November 17th Thanksgiving Luncheon for families – Reservations Required
- November 21st-25th No School - Thanksgiving Break
- December 22nd-Jan 6th No School - Holiday Break

