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PYP

3rd Grade Bradley International School Newsletter Fall 2019

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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 learning about Superflex cognition strategies. Students wrote creative narratives about a superhero and villain that live in their brain. Students learned about the writing process through interactive writing. Our next writing assignment will be to write an informational essay on Sacagawea and how her character traits helped Lewis and Clark. We will round out the month of December continuing to focus on non-fiction and informational writing before we begin **fiction and poetry** next semester.

- **Math: Place Value, Multiplication, and Division**

We began the year by adding and subtracting three digit numbers, as well as place value and rounding. By now, students should have a relatively **firm grasp on addition, subtraction, place value, and rounding**. By the end of unit two in the iReady curriculum, students should be able to understand multiplication, as well as the different properties associated with it. The remainder of the semester will be spent focusing on **Division**.



- **PYP/Science and Social Studies:** We completed the first unit, **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 **Sharing the Planet** unit of inquiry. In this unit, students will learn about climate and weather, with a focus on extreme weather and the impact weather has on communities around the world. Students will study an extreme weather and engineer a structure that will prevent that weather.



How to Support At Home

- Please continue to monitor progress on nightly reading (***at least 30 minutes a night***) and homework.
- **Practice and know multiplication/division facts 0-12** (ex. 6's, 7's, 8's, 9's and 12's are tough!).
- Ready curriculum online (Math/Reading), Zearn, Freckle, XtraMath
- Talk to your child about their progress on their **trimester AR Goal** (Triple Crown = ZPD, ABL and average % correct).



Dates to Remember for 3rd Grade

- November 15 - End of 1st Trimester
- November 21 - Thanksgiving Luncheon
- November 25 - 29 - NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving Break
- December 6 - First Friday - Early Release
- December 23 - January 6 - NO SCHOOL - Winter Break
- January 9 - Science Fair/Cardboard Challenge - All School
- January 20 - NO SCHOOL - MLK Day
- January 23 - 5th Grade Exhibition Presentation
- February 14 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 17 - NO SCHOOL - Teacher Planning Day
- February 20 - End of 2nd Trimester