



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bradley International School Newsletter

## Fall 2018

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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. The students were to write 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 the two separate texts to appropriately support their claims. 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: Multiplication and Division**

We began the year by jumping right into **multiplication and division** strategies. 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 Ready curriculum, students should be able to use place value to round numbers, add, subtract and multiply. The remainder of the semester will be spent focusing on **Area and Perimeter**.
- 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 **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. Our next unit, **How the World Works**, focuses on the interactions between the natural world and human societies.



### 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), [vocabulary.com](http://vocabulary.com)

- Talk to your child about their progress on their **trimester AR Goal** (Triple Crown = Point Goal, Average Book Level and average % correct).

### **Dates to Remember for 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade**

- November 19-23<sup>rd</sup> - THANKSGIVING BREAK – NO SCHOOL
- December 7<sup>th</sup> - Early Dismissal – 12:45 pm
- December 13<sup>th</sup> - PTO meeting
- January 15<sup>th</sup> – Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> - DPS School of Choice Enrollment
- December 17<sup>th</sup> - Last week of 2<sup>nd</sup> Enrichment
- December 24-January 4<sup>th</sup> - Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- January 10<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting
- January 21<sup>st</sup> – Martin Luther King Jr. Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 1<sup>st</sup> – Teacher Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 8<sup>th</sup> – PTO Spelling Challenge
- February 12<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting
- February 18<sup>th</sup> – President’s Day – NO SCHOOL
- February 22<sup>nd</sup> - End of 2<sup>nd</sup> Trimester