



October



The Word in Third

Thursday, October 1, 2009

Creek View Elementary

Welcome to 3rd Grade! We have many exciting events planned for your child this year. You can look for our monthly newsletter to come home the first Thursday of every month. We will share information about what we will be studying for the month and upcoming events. So, enjoy the third edition of The Word in Third!

Math-Students are developing their understanding of multiplication and developing the ability to apply it in problem solving. Students must practice their multiplication facts 0-10 at home daily. Teachers will give timed quizzes to practice facts. Students will problem solve multiplication word stories.

M3N3
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Students will further develop their understanding of multiplication of whole numbers and develop the ability to apply it in problem solving.

M3N4
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Students will understand the meaning of division and develop the ability to apply it in problem solving.

Language Arts-"Teamwork"



Unit 2 of our Reading and Language Arts involves reading stories about characters who work together as a team. Some of the stories will be realistic fiction, nonfiction, and fiction. We will utilize our reading anthology as well as chapter books. Students will identify the meaning of common idioms and figurative language. They will also recognize the appropriate usage of homophones, homographs, antonyms, and synonyms. The grammar will focus on nouns, singular nouns, plural nouns, possessive nouns, contractions, and conjunctions. Students will begin to develop and recognize fact and opinion statements which will assist in their persuasive written expression. Students should take AR quizzes to reach their goal!



Upcoming Events

- 9/29-10-2 –Book Fair Preview
- 10/5-10/9-Book Fair Buy
- 10/9– Parent/Teacher Conferences– no school
- 10/14– Early Release Day

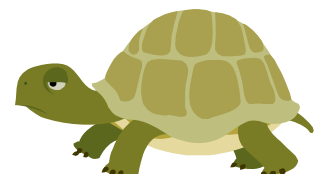
Social Studies

Government: Roots of our democracy.
SS3CG1
The student will explain the importance of the basic principles that provide the foundation of a republican form of government.

SS3E2
The student will explain that governments provide certain types of goods and services in a market economy and pay for these through taxes and will describe services such as schools, libraries, roads, police/fire protection, and military.

Science

Students recently completed the unit on Georgia Habitats. Our next science unit is rocks and minerals. Students will enjoy hands-on activities and the Science Zone during this fun unit!





New Procedure for Tardies and Absences



We will have a new procedure for reporting absences and tardies. There is a new form for parents to fill out and give to the office staff for any absences or tardies. These forms will be available at the front desk and on the school website. Please make sure to fill out these forms completely and legibly so that absences and tardies are properly recorded. The forms may also be sent to your child's homeroom teacher who will forward the information to the office.

Tests

Here are some helpful tips to prepare students for tests.



1. Students should bring home textbooks and study guides.
2. Students should practice vocabulary daily.
3. Students should reread the information in text.
4. Students should begin to prepare as soon as the test date is determined and written in agenda.

Accelerated Reader (A.R.)

A.R. Goals for Third Grade will start the second nine weeks.

A.R. requirements:

- 4 points per nine weeks
- 80% comprehension on tests

Homework

- Should take 30-45 minutes
- Math, Spelling, and one other assignment on most nights
- Occasional long term projects
- Assignments are written in agenda
- Read at least 20 minutes every night

Snack

Halloween candy is not considered a healthy snack and should not be brought to school!



Grading Policy

Progress Skills Checklists will go home in the fall, winter, and spring. Report cards go home every nine weeks.

Grading Scale	90% - 100% = A
	80% - 89% = B
	70 - 79% = C
	69% and below = F



