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THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER



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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday 12/04 Last day of Wednesday Kids Cr8

Thursday 12/12 Last day of Thursday Kids Cr8

Monday 12/16 Report Cards Home

Monday 12/23-Wednesday 1/01 School Closed: Winter Recess

WHAT WE ARE WORKING ON...

READING

We have started a nonfiction reading unit which addresses essential skills for reading expository nonfiction, such as understanding main ideas and supporting details, recognizing text structures, comparing and synthesizing texts, and thinking critically.

WRITING

We are wrapping up our unit on persuasive opinion writing and will be starting a nonfiction writing unit. Students will write nonfiction books that will teach a wide variety of information to others. They will learn to section their topic into subtopics, organizing in ways that make sense. Students are supported in this challenging work by writing about topics on which they have firsthand knowledge. The unit will end with nonfiction research groups, with a focus on Northeastern woodland animals.

MATH

We are continuing to work on Unit 3, Multi-Digit Addition and Subtraction. Students are learning to use the most efficient strategy for a given problem.

SCIENCE

We are finishing up our investigation of Balancing Forces, learning about magnetism and gravity as well as balanced and unbalanced forces.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We continue to explore geography with a current focus on various landforms and bodies of water.

OUR GUGGENHEIM RESIDENCY IS IN FULL SWING.

Reminders

Just a reminder that students are allowed in the hallways before school no earlier than 8:15. Also, because we want to foster independence in the students, we are asking parents to say good-bye to their children at the classroom door unless it's necessary to accompany them into the classroom. Thanks!