

MRS. GUBLER'S
CLASSROOM NEWS
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READING

We are working on Unit 4 in our basal reading books. The theme for this unit is Our Changing World. We have integrated Science topics into our reading by exploring the life cycles of a pumpkin and a frog. We have also been comparing moths and butterflies. Did you know that not all moths are an ugly gray? Some are actually quite beautiful.

LANGUAGE

We are starting to identify and use adverbs. We are also learning the form of a friendly letter and will be exchanging letters with our 5th grade reading buddies in Mrs. Mattos' room. We will continue to work on descriptive writing to prepare for our next Benchmark Test.



MATH

We have begun Chapter 7 on two-digit addition. We have begun to add with and without regrouping. Students quickly master addition without regrouping but will find addition with regrouping somewhat more challenging. Students who are not still struggling with basic math facts will find a greater success.

SOCIAL STUDIES

We are very lucky this year to have Junior Achievement joining us for a five week program to supplement our unit on our community's economy.

EFFORT STARS

We are still talking a lot about effort these days. I will be sending home the weekly rubric/checklist of effort demonstrated by each student on Monday. Please discuss this rubric with your child. Effort is so important to your child's success.

I will choose one student each week to be Effort Star. They will be invited to bring in items to share with the class for show and tell. Congratulations to Madison Medeiros and Piper Crooks, our first two Effort Stars!!

IMPORTANT DATES

3/2 PTO Meeting

3/10 New Bedford Ballet visits

3/18 Early Release Day

3/31 Science Night 6:00 pm

HOMEWORK REMINDER

Please read your child's Homework Guide every night to insure homework is completed correctly and passed in on time. Last week I received only eight, out of twenty-two, Reading assignments passed in done completely. Only four of those were done to second grade standards. I hope we can work together to continue to prepare your child for the new challenges third grade will bring. Thank you for your support.