

Mrs. Castelo
Grade 3 Newsletter
December 21, 2011

After the vacation we will be reading “A Symphony of Whales” by Steve Schuch. We will focus on some **vocabulary words** in this story. It would be helpful if you reinforce the meaning of these words at home with your child. Also, on this newsletter you will find our **spelling words** for the week. Please practice these words at home as well. The words in *italics* are our **challenge spelling** words. Finally, the words in the boxes contain the **phonics rules** we are practicing. Please listen to your child read these words aloud.

Spelling Words: beautiful, safely, kindness, finally, spotless, worthless, illness, helpful, daily, suddenly wireless, quietly, fairness, cheerful, painful, *anxiously, thoughtfully, cautiously, tardiness, breathless*

Vocabulary Words: anxiously, bay, blizzards, channel, melody, chipped, surrounded, symphony, supplies, field biologist, poachers, salt marsh, neighboring, waterproof, yelping

Phonics Words:

finally	helpless	beautiful
kindness	hopeless	helpless
helpful	quickly	happiness
judge	citation	genius

Comprehension Skill: Generalizing

Language Skill: Present, Past, and Future Tense Verbs

Reading Logs: Don't forget to **READ, READ, READ** for **20 minutes each night**, over the weekend and to **record it** (up to the 20th) on your Reading log! 😊

Next Week's Schedule:

Monday: No Testing
(1/2/11)

Tuesday: No Testing
(1/3/11)

Wednesday: No Testing
(1/4/11)

Thursday: Spelling Lesson Test
(1/5/11) Language Quiz “Present, Past, and Future Tenses”

Friday: Reading Test “Fresh Reads”
(1/6/11) Math Chapter 3 and 4 (Adding/Subtracting) Test

I would like to thank everyone for all of the generous donations to our class **“Holiday Celebration.”** It was a great week. I hope all of you have a **happy, healthy, and restful** winter break. See you all next year!

