



Mrs. Castelo
Grade 3

JANUARY NEWSLETTER

Reading: This Month we will be tying in a lot of the skills that we have been learning, and reviewing these skills in order to be ready for the **JANUARY BENCHMARK TEST** at the end of the month. Grammar, Spelling, Vocabulary, and Reading Skills will be reviewed and assessed. We will continue to read stories with the main theme about “People and Nature.” Students are to understand how people and nature are connected. The students are learning ways to **compare and contrast** with story events, to understand **cause and effect** in a story and also in everyday situations, to understand the **author’s purpose** in writing a story, learning how to **draw conclusions** when reading, and **making generalizations** when reading.

We are also reading *Little House on the Prairie* by Laura Ingalls Wilder as our **READ ALOUD** at the end of the day.

Math: This month we will focus on subtraction with regrouping up to 3-digits. We will also focus on capacity and measurement throughout the month. We have focused and will continue to work on Geometry skills that cover our geometric shapes and knowing their properties and characteristics. We will be starting multiplication next and will need to memorize our times table facts. The students are excited about this!

We are working very hard on time in math right now. Please practice every day with your child. Please look over the homework, as I know you do, and help your child in what we may have covered that day 😊 **Please remember to purchase addition/subtraction flash cards and multiplication flash cards for your child to keep in his/her desk for daily practice.**

Writing: We will be working on our compare and contrast essays, as well as looking over poetry and other writing pieces. The students are learning the necessary skills to writing and learning the Editor’s Marks in revising and editing writing pieces. I also incorporate writing daily by having the students write in their My Journal Notebooks.

Social Studies: This month, we will be discussing **THE PILGRIMS** in Chapter 4 and learn how the Pilgrims came to America on the Mayflower Ship and all of the hardships they faced in order to survive and live.

Science: We have begun and will continue to work on our unit on **Energy** and the different forms it comes in (electrical, heat, light, potential, mechanical, chemical, sound, etc.). The student will be making Energy Posters that explore and show all the different forms that energy comes in ☺

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

- **January 5th – SMCU Banking**
- **January 6th, 20th, 27th – GRADE 3 STUDY ISLAND MORNING SESSION**
- **January 10th – Fire Safety Program**
- **January 13th and 16th – NO SCHOOL**
- **January 19th – EARLY RELEASE NOON DISMISSAL**
SMCU Banking
- **January 20th – GRADES CLOSE**
- **January 25th @ 1 PM – Internet Safety Program**
- **January 30th – REPORT CARDS**