

December News

In writing, students are working on their personal narratives. Each student has just finished their rough draft so now we will work on revising and editing by adding vivid verbs, colorful adjectives, varying sentence beginnings and so on. Once your child completes his/her personal narrative it will be sent home for you to see.

Your child has been working on monitoring for meaning in reading. This is when we ask ourselves three questions as we read. 1. Does it look right? 2. Does it sound right? 3. Does it make sense? If something does not make sense we stop and try to fix the meaning before continuing on. You will see your child's monitoring for meaning rubric coming home shortly.

In cursive we have finished practicing our uppercase letters. I have asked the class to wait to write the uppercase letters in their words until after we learn them as a class. Students are doing a nice job on their letter formation. Children can chose to write cursive as much as they want to while completing work in class but it will not be mandated. The class will be encouraged to write spelling words in cursive on our weekly spelling lists.

We are working on our addition unit in math. We are working with basic facts, patterns, rounding, adding two and three digit numbers with and without regrouping, and word problems with addition. The other topics that are woven into our addition unit are graphing skills, telling time, and measurement.

We have completed our Pilgrim simulation and have begun our early Massachusetts history unit. Students will complete a timeline as they learn important information about many topics including the Boston Tea Party, the Stamp Act, American Revolution, and Declaration of Independence.

In language we are focusing on correcting third grade text for correct capitalization, word usage, punctuation, and spelling. We are currently working with adjectives and reviewing nouns and verbs. We will begin reviewing synonyms, antonyms, and homonyms later in the month.

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year and thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Hilton

Important Dates

December 8, 2011

December 20, 2011

December 21, 2011

December 22, 2011

Holiday Shopping

Winter Concert

Winter Celebration for 3H at 2:45

IALAC & Last day of school in 2011