



# HES 3rd Grade Newsletter



Week of September 26<sup>th</sup>, 2016

## Mark Your Calendars

- **Progress Reports:** Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup>
- **Topic due for Science Fair Project** – Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- **Making IT Happen Campaign** – Now thru September 30<sup>th</sup>
- **No School** – Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>
- **Early Release Day** – 11:45 Wednesday, October 12<sup>th</sup>
- **Family Fun Night at Spare Time**– Friday October 21<sup>st</sup>
- **Book Fair** – October 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Fall Festival** – 5:00–7:30 on Friday, Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>
- **Parent Conferences** – Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

## This Week in Language Arts

Teachers have been working diligently in the classrooms to balance instruction and testing. We will continue to test the students on their Guided Reading Level through Mclass.

We are continuing our class read of Stone Fox. We are looking at figurative language elements in the story such as similes, metaphors, onomatopoeias, hyperbole and personification. We will continue to analyze story elements such as character, plot and setting. We will also be focusing on characters, their traits and how they change throughout the story.

## This Week in Math

Students will be *reviewing* for their Unit 1 place value test on Monday. They will **take** their **Unit 1 test** on **Tuesday** 9/27 and we will begin our new unit of Geometry on Wednesday. In our Geometry unit we will be describing and categorizing shapes by their attributes (i.e. how many sides they have, what kind of angles, etc ...). We will also be covering perimeter. This Unit will last approximately two weeks.

## Vocabulary Words

*Below are next week's vocabulary words from "The Who Walked Between the Two Towers". Test is Friday, 9/30*

1. **Unfinished** – not finished or completed
2. **Frantic** – wildly excited with worry or fear
3. **Terrifying** – very frightening
4. **Sway** – move or swing from side to side
5. **Gasp** – breathe in suddenly because you are surprised, in pain or out of breath
6. **Satisfied** – you are pleased because you have done something well or it turned out the way you wanted it to

## Homework by subject:

### Literacy:

- Read 30 minutes and record on Reading Log
- Word Work- 3 menu activities due Friday
- Vocabulary-Study for quiz on Friday

### Math:

- Excel sheet and SAB pages as assigned
- (See Homework section for further information) regarding daily expectations.)

## Internet Websites of the Week

\* <http://www.starrmatica.com/standalone/starrMaticaFigurativeLanguageBaseball.swf> This is an online game that gives students examples of figurative language and they chose which one it is all while playing a baseball game ☺

\* <http://www.math-play.com/shapes-jeopardy/shapes-jeopardy.html> your child can play this jeopardy game on their own or against a family member – questions are on the different attributes of shapes and asks them to identify shapes shown

## Homework Expectations

Students are expected to complete homework each night. The suggested time frame for an average student's completion of homework for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade is **45-60 minutes**, plus an additional **30 minutes** for nightly reading. **Please initial your child's agenda each night at the bottom** and sign their Reading Log for nightly reading. Thank you!