



HES 3rd Grade Newsletter



Week of October 3rd, 2016

Mark Your Calendars

- **Progress Reports Were Available:** Thursday, September 29th
- **Topic for Science Fair Project was due**– Friday, September 30th
- **Making IT Happen Campaign** – Now thru September 30th
- **Annual Leave Day (no school)** – Monday, October 3rd
- **Early Release Day** – 11:45 Wednesday, October 12th
- **Family Fun Night at Spare Time**– Friday October 21st
- **Book Fair** – October 24th – 28th
- **Fall Festival** – 5:00 – 7:30 on Friday, October 28th
- **Parent Conferences** – Monday, October 31st

This Week in Language Arts

Teachers are still working diligently in the classrooms to balance instruction and testing students for their Guided Reading Levels which should be finished by Wednesday, Oct. 5th! Also on Wednesday, the students will take their MAP Reading test.

We will begin Novel Study groups within each of our literacy classes. Students will be able to name their own reading clubs! We will be working on identifying characteristics of the main character. Students will refer to the text to find character traits that describe their characters. We will be using graphic organizers to help us.

This Week in Math

We will begin our new Geometry unit 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 ...). Students will be learning what is and is not a polygon. They will be learning the different types of polygons as well as understanding perimeter. Our Geometry Unit will last approximately two weeks.

Vocabulary Words

Below are next week's vocabulary words from Each Kindness. Test is on Friday, October 7th

1. **Brilliant** –very bright and radiant, or exceptionally clever or talented
2. **Settled** –resolved or reached an agreement about, or come to rest in a comfortable position
3. **Laced** –entwined or tangled together or fasten or tighten a shoe or garment by tying its laces
4. **Rippled** –its effect gradually spread, causing several other events to happen one after the other or move in a way resembling small waves.
5. **Remained**- left over or stayed
6. **Set**-appeared to move toward and below the earth's horizon, or to put, lay or stand something in a specified place or position

Homework by subject:

Literacy:

- Read 30 minutes and record on Reading Log- At least 5 nights each week. This is a formal grade.
- Word Work- 3 menu activities due Friday
- Vocabulary- Study for quiz on Friday

Math:

- Excel sheet and SAB pages as assigned
- See Geometry Contract (**Due Oct. 14th**)

Helpful Internet Websites

* <http://schools.cms.k12.nc.us/reedycreekES/Documents/More%20Comprehension%20Question%20Stems.pdf> This is a list of reading levels and questions you can ask your child after their nightly reading to help with comprehension©

* <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 will be expected to complete homework each night. The suggested time frame for an average student's completion of homework for 3rd 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!