



HES 3rd Grade Newsletter



Week of February 21st, 2017

Mark Your Calendars

- **Teacher Workday**- Monday, February 20th
- **Buddy's Dinner, Book Fair & Multicultural Night** – Tuesday February 21st @ 5:30
- **Bookfair** – March 21st through March 27th
- **Solar System Spectacular**–Thursday, February 23rd
- **Progress Reports** – Tuesday, February 28th
- **½ day of school** – Wednesday, March 1st

This Week in Language Arts

This week we are moving on from learning about different types of genres and focusing on one specific type: Folktales. Folktales encompass fables, myths, legends, tall tales and fairy tales. We will be looking at the characteristics of each and of course we will be reading various examples of each folktale as well. Do you have a favorite folktale you would like to share with your child at home?

Next week we are starting Power Writing schoolwide. Each morning on the 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 27th & 28th the whole school will stop what they are doing for 3 minutes of writing on specific prompts to help increase our writing fluency. We will also be hold class debates to prepare for persuasion writing.

Homework by subject:

Literacy:

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

Math:

- Study multiplication “fast facts” nightly. Excel sheet and SAB pages and/or teacher choice as assigned

This Week in Math

We just wrapped up our multiplication and division unit. We will now move on to a mini CMS unit, which is an introduction to area. Area is when you multiply the length and width of an object to find the area of space inside. Students will also be using tiled squares to find area of objects. This unit still works closely with multiplication so if your child is still struggling with memorizing their fast facts, this would be a great time to help them catch up. This mini unit will last about 2 weeks.

Please continue practicing basic (0–10) multiplication facts with your child at home.

Vocabulary “**The Camel Dances**” & “**The Mouse at the Seashore**” - **Quiz Friday 2-24**

diligent – hard-working

frank – say what you think, open, honest

self-confident - sure of yourself

headstrong – determined to do what you want no matter what anyone says

overwhelmed – you feel it very strongly-so strongly that you forget everything else

contentment – a feeling of satisfaction and happiness when doing something you enjoy.

Solar System Spectacular!

We are excited to announce that the Discovery Place is bringing an on campus outreach program to us on **Thursday, February 23rd**. They will be teaching us about the solar system in our classrooms and then we will have a chance to experience it ourselves with an inflatable planetarium! We will be able see constellations, planets and other objects in the night sky. The cost of the program is \$3.00, please turn in your money ASAP. Thank you so much! We look forward to this opportunity for hands-on learning.

Online Learning

Here at HES, we are fortunate enough to have access to numerous online resources and we now have enough Chrome books for each student to have access to one during class. We try to incorporate 21st Century learning into our classrooms as much as possible and this includes using Google Classroom, Google Docs and various educational websites. We would like emphasize that while not all assignments are given as a hardcopy, these assignments are all required. Online assignments are expected to be completed. They are not optional just because they are online. Thank you for supporting us and helping to ensure your child is completing these assignments.

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!