



# HES 3rd Grade Newsletter



Week of February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Mark Your Calendars

- **Progress Reports** – Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>
- **½ day of school** – Wednesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>
- **Spring Individual Pictures** – Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

## 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 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 will continue "Power Writing" school wide. Each morning on the 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> the whole school will stop what they are doing for 3 minutes of writing on specific prompts to help increase our writing fluency. We are working on graphic organizers to write our own persuasive essay.

### 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 a mini unit in area & graphing. We will be spending more time on area later in the year. We will be starting Unit 7 on Fractions. Students will be learning that fractions represent a part of a whole or part of a set. The main fractions we will be working with are halves, thirds, fourths, sixths and eighths. We will also be covering equivalent fractions and fractions on a number line.

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

## Vocabulary "The Paper Bag Princess"

### Quiz Friday 3-3

**unfortunate** – unlucky or not fortunate

**fortunate** – Lucky

**immense** – huge or very large

**fierce/fiercest** – dangerous or violent, most dangerous or most violent

**magnificent** – you admire it because of its great beauty or size

**ungrateful** – not thankful or not grateful

We really enjoyed having the **Discovery Place Outreach Program** come to our school and bringing a planetarium to us. We were able to get a closer look our neighboring planets and even experience other galaxies!

The next two weeks in science we are learning about the muscular and skeletal system. We look forward to having another outreach program sometime in mid-March about the human body. Date on that TBA, so please look for a permission slip coming home in the near future.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 on hardcopies, 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 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!