



HES 3rd Grade Newsletter



Week of March 20th, 2017

Mark Your Calendars

- **Quarter 3 ends** – Thursday, March 30th
- **Teacher Workday** – Friday, March 31st
- **1st day of Spring Break** – Friday, April 7th
- **Spring Break** – April 7th – 16th

This Week in Math

We are continuing 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. This past week we have made fraction models and practiced dividing a shape into equal parts. We will also be covering equivalent fractions, fractions on a number line, line plots and comparing fractions.

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

This Week in Language Arts

This week we are starting Cycle 5. We will be reading mystery novels and learning the elements of a mystery. We will act as detectives as we try to figure out the problem or solve the crime before the characters in the books! In order to do that we must be careful readers! Students will be paying attention to detail, making predictions and inferences and analyzing our characters to see which one might be the suspect. We can't wait to see what kind of mysteries await us!

In writing students are working on an independent persuasive essay topic. We are finishing our graphic organizers and writing our own persuasive essay.

Vocabulary **“City Green” Quiz Friday 3-24**

demolish-tear down or destroy a building or other structure.

heap-a large pile

rubble-broken pieces of brick, stone or other material from a building that has been destroyed or demolished

proper-correct or right for a particular purpose or occasion

donate-give something to a person or organization that needs help

reuse-use again

Compass Learning

Please make sure that your child is logging onto Compass Learning at home *at least* once a week for 30 – 45 minutes. This needs to be reflected on their reading log and signed by an adult. This is an expectation grade level wide. A letter was sent home last week explaining this in more detail with a part at the bottom to sign and send back in to your homeroom teacher. Thank you so much for helping your child be successful.

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

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 to 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 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!