



3rd Grade Weekly News



October 9, 2014



A Note from the Teachers

Hello Parents,

Thank you to all who participated in the "Making It Happen" campaign!!! It was a huge success and your contributions will greatly benefit our school.

Parent conferences are coming up on Friday, October 31st. This is a CMS required conference. You will have an opportunity to meet with all of your child's teachers briefly on this day during your scheduled time. Please return the form sent home today in Thursday folders so we can give you a specific conference time.

Please do not forget to complete the Progress Report form in your child's agenda book or Thursday folder that came home last week. If you are unable to log on to the Parent Portal please contact Mrs. Davis for your username and password: marsha.davis@cms.k12.nc.us. This will be a very important tool for you this year. Please let your homeroom teacher know if you are unable to view the Parent Portal.

We look forward to keeping in contact with you on a regular basis and believe that together we can make a difference in our children's lives!!! We hope you have a super weekend!
The 3rd Grade Team

Mark Your Calendars

- **October 9th** – Science Fair parent signature slips are due. (Located in the front of the agenda book, **PLEASE DO NOT TEAR OUT!!!**) Turn in by Friday if you forgot today!!!
- **October 20th** – Box Tops Due
- **October 22nd** – Picture Retakes
- **October 23rd** – Science Fair Topic Due
- **October 24th** – Fall Festival 5:00 – 7:30
- **October 22-30** – HES Scholastic Book Fair
- **October 31st** – Parent Conferences (No School) ☺

Literacy Class Vocabulary Words



Weekly Text: *Julius: The Baby of the World* by Kevin Henkes

1. **doubtful** – uncertain or unsure
2. **nifty** – very good, clever, or useful
3. **ghastly** – horrible
4. **dazzle** – amaze or impress
5. **quiver** – tremble or shake
6. **command** – order someone to do something

ScienceFair



Consumer Product Tests (Brand X or Y?)

- Which brand of popcorn pops the most?
- Which brand of gum keeps its flavor the longest?
- How will soap affect the number of water drops that will fit on a penny?
- Which brand of dish detergent makes the best bubbles?

Other Experiments (Modify or adapt as needed)

- Which type of ball bounces the highest?
- Do plants grow taller in sunlight or darkness?
- Do hermit crabs prefer moist or dry soil?
- Do seeds sprout better in sunlight or darkness?

Teacher's Corner

Math: Geometry **Social Studies:** Citizenship **Science:** Matter
Literacy: Making Meaning of our Reading Life
Writing: Writing an Expository Paragraph **Grammar:** Adjectives
Spelling/Word Work: 3 activities due Friday & tests will be given on Friday
Vocabulary: Study nightly for test Friday



Math Excel

Monday – Excel #30 Tuesday – Excel Test #6
 Wednesday – Excel #31 Thursday – Excel #32
 Friday – Excel #33

Helpful Internet Websites

- Visit the **Science Kids** website: <http://www.sciencekids.co.nz/gamesactivities/gases.html> to play games and learn all about Matter and other fun Science topics. Enjoy! ☺
- Visit the **Kids Math Games** website: <http://www.kidsmathgamesonline.com/geometry.html> to play lots of fun and exciting geometry games and take quizzes/tests to check your geometry skills! Have fun! ☺
- Visit the **Turtle Diary.com** website: <http://www.turtlediary.com/kids-games/ela-topics/adjectives-games.html> to play fun interactive learning games to soak up everything you can about adjectives. Who knew learning could be so much fun! ☺

(Clip Art from Google Images and Microsoft Word)

Homework

Students will be expected to complete homework each night. **Please initial your child's agenda and reading log each night, and have your child mark the page numbers they read during their 30 minutes of nightly reading in their log. Thank you!**