

3rd Grade News



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Fall is in the air...

Fall is in the air! The trees are starting to turn colors as we finish up our first month of school! We had an exciting start to the year with two new students joining our class, Sam and Zoe! They fit right in with our team, as we are very happy to welcome them and their families to MDS!



In **language arts** the students have focused on the theme "farms". They are reading different books about farms and farm animals. This ties in nicely with social studies as we will be studying rural communities. The students have started making vocab cards to help them study and practice new vocabulary. There are three tiers of achievement with their vocab cards; Level 1 = "Words I am learning", Level 2 = "Words that I know", Level 3 = "Words I have mastered!". The students are very motivated to "master" their vocabulary! The students earn stamps to move their vocab card to the next level. The students are also learning about the Writing Process. We are using lists and maps to organize our ideas before we start writing.

In **math class** the students have started using their Daily Math folders. These folders include "daily

work" that reflect Outcome skills as well as IEP goals and objectives. It provides an opportunity for them to practice certain skills everyday, and review skills recently covered in class. In addition to their Daily Math, we have started a unit on "telling time", both analog and digital.



The theme for **social studies** this year is "community". Therefore, we will study different types and aspects of communities throughout the year. We will begin our focus on learning the difference between rural, city, and suburban communities.

Reminders:

- **Mon., 9/29 @ 2:15**-AR Presentations
- **Tues., 9/30 @ 8:30am**- Student of the Month assembly
- **Tues., 10/7 @ 6:30pm**- PTG Meeting
- **Fri 10/4 @ 7pm** -Student Council Movie Night
- **Wed., 10/15 @ 5:45pm**- MDS Board Mtg.
- **Thurs. & Fri., 10/16-17:** NO SCHOOL!
- **Thurs., 10/30**-Picture re-takes

Science with Sandra...

We are learning the differences between solids and liquids. The students have been introduced to several solids objects and were able to construct a tower out of the objects. We have discussed the properties of the solids. The students made their own "My Books of Solids." Next we will learn about liquids. Then the students will learn about changing solids into liquids, and liquids into solids again.

PE with Kelley Cole



The weather has been very cooperative this fall so we have spent the majority of PE time outside. Our sport of choice this month has been Lacrosse. The students have found this to be an exciting and fast paced game that is new to most of them. We've compared and contrasted it with other team sports such as soccer and hockey, and we have emphasized offense and defense positions and duties. Our scrimmages have gone from chaotic to downright competitive! Of course sportsmanship is always the goal in game situations, and the students have done an impressive job expressing it.



Art with Tyler...

To begin the year we have been exploring themes like self-portraits, lines & patterns, primary and secondary colors, gesture drawings and collages. Activities, which include hands on art making, exploration through Smart Board activities and a good old-fashioned slide projector, which the kids love to run, have made for some lively class time. The students have been discovering how renowned artists such as Piet Mondrian, Mary Cassatt, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Paul Klee and Marc Chagall have used these themes in their own artwork. I have been having a lot of fun getting to know what sort of artist is lurking beneath the surface of these great kids. If you have any questions or anything else you would like to talk with me about, feel free to email me at tmccormick@metrodeafschool.org.

