



3rd Grade April 2017 Newsletter

Holmes Elementary School

General Announcements:

No school - Friday, April 14

Math AIR Assessment for the State - Thursday, April 27 & Friday, April 28

Language Arts

Our classes will be working on a unit that involves reading Charlotte's Web. Throughout this unit, we will be working to determine the point of view of the narrator or characters in a story. Students will be looking at how the point of view of each character can be different in a story, and determining whether our own POV (opinion/ attitude) is the same or different for the character's point of view. We will also be reviewing story elements, analyzing characters, and asking/ answering questions about a text.

Students recently completed AIR testing for ELA. Those who did not meet the promotion score from the fall test will also be taking the Terra Nova assessment in May for an additional opportunity to reach the promotion score, as results from the most recent AIR test will not be available until after the school year has ended.

Content Statements

RL3.9 Compare and contrast the themes, setting, and plots of stories written by the same author about the same or similar characters.

RL3.6 Distinguish their own point of view from that of the narrator or those of the characters.

Vocabulary

No New Vocabulary At This Time

Math During Math, we will review ALL 3rd grade concepts.

- I can review adding and subtracting with regrouping, rounding, estimating, place value, bar graphs, picture graphs, line plots, multiplication and division, fractions on a number line, comparing fractions, equivalent fractions, telling time and elapsed time, measurement (with a ruler and using grams and liters), area and perimeter, and shapes (polygons and quadrilaterals).

Social Studies



Physical Map



Political Map

We are continuing to learn about Geography. We will be studying about the parts of a map and how to use the grid system to find locations on a map.

Content Statements

Physical and political maps have distinctive characteristics and purposes. Places can be located on a map by using the title, key, alphanumeric grid and cardinal directions.

Vocabulary

Physical Map - a map that shows landforms

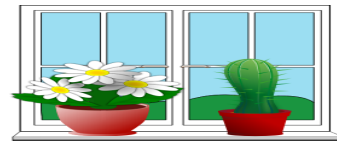
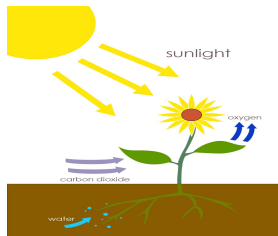
Political Map - a map that shows borders (like states)

Cardinal Directions - north, east, south, west

Key

Map Title

Science



We will be studying about plant growth in our next unit. We will be studying about the features of a plants and its life cycle. We will also be studying about adaptive behavior and instinctive behavior.

Content Statements

- Individuals of the same kind differ in their traits and sometimes the differences give individuals an advantage in surviving and reproducing.
- Plants and animals have life cycles that are part of their adaptations for survival in their natural environments.
- Offspring resemble their parents and each other.

Vocabulary

Environment

Trait

Life Cycle

Behavioral

Inherit