

Third Grade News

The Rapid Approach of Summer!

It seems like only yesterday that our third graders were filing in to school on the first day with shiny new supplies and looks of excitement and apprehension. As we approach the final month, it's important to remind everyone that we still have imperative learning to do. Our third grade team has some engaging culminating projects coming up, so encourage your children to keep their game faces on!

Science

The children worked hard on their "Soil Conservation" presentations this past month and will soon be on to a new Project: Simple Machines! In this new PBL, students will have the opportunity to create new inventions using specific types of simple machines in their designs. We can't wait to see what they dream up!

Simple Machines



Lever



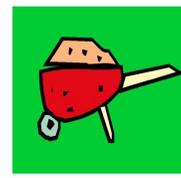
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Wedge



Pulley



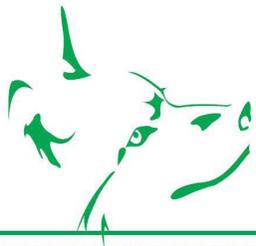
Wheel and Axle



Screw

Social Studies

We are moving on to another ancient civilization in Africa; MALI. Students, once again, have been given a PBL task. They've been asked to **describe** to the ruling Mansa (King) of Mali all about their travels as a Salt and Gold trader.



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Math

As we approach the end of the year, we will be solidifying our math concepts with lots of review and math games. Additionally, students have been given the options to create and utilize some of their OWN math games (designed by the kids, themselves!). We are proud of our students for doing their best work on the SOL math test. **Because we are able to see online results so quickly, we will use the data to inform our last few weeks of instruction and make sure our third graders are more than ready to move ahead!**

Language Arts

During these last few weeks, students will be in book clubs to use their culminating knowledge of literature to analyze a book series. Teachers will be using SOL data to fill in any gaps or find areas of enrichment. We were so impressed by their poetry writing and will be giving them the choice of

AAP

In the beginning of June, students will be finishing the unit on fractions. Afterward, we will be on our very last unit of this year! Unit 13 will be Multiplication and Division part three. In this unit, students apply their knowledge of multiplication and division concepts from Units 2 and 8. Students develop their own strategies and algorithms for multiplying and dividing large numbers.

In Language Arts, students finish our Building Language unit as well as finishing off the Journeys and Destinations unit on the concept of change. Most excitingly, students will participate in an official Socratic Seminar to show how they can participate in a philosophical debate on "The Blind Men and the Elephant".

Important June Dates

Contact your child's teacher if you would like to help out with an event!

June 1	Field Day K-3rd, 9:00-11:00am
June 4	Strings Concert 7:00 PM
June 5	Patrick Henry Library Visit, 9-11:30
June 11	Third Grade End of Year Party—Glyndon Park
June 11	6th grade play 7:00 PM
June 15	Awards Ceremony Last day of school 2 Hour early release