

Mrs. Keeton's Classroom News

**November 1,
2016**

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Poetry Project Due | 10/31 |
| Harvest Celebration | 10/31 |
| NO SCHOOL Inservice | 11/10 |
| NO SCHOOL Veterans Day | 11/11 |
| Veterans Day Assem- bly @2:45 P.M. | 11/14 |
| End of First Trimester | 11/18 |
| Thanksgiving Vacation | 11/21- 11/25 |
| Book Project: Genre: Nonfiction Due | 11/30 |

Please know how much I enjoyed visiting with all of you during conferences. Please do not hesitate to ask questions. I want you to feel informed about your child's third grade year! Please look at Power School weekly. You will be able to see exactly what your child's grades are for each assignment. If you are having trouble viewing your students assignments please call the district office at 855-4500 and ask for someone to assist you with Power School. There is also an app that you can put on your phone that is very handy.

Over the next couple weeks our academic focuses are:

Reading/Language: Our focus in reading will be recognizing text features, sequencing, literal and nonliteral meaning, cause and effect, mood, as well as main idea and details. The language skills will be as follows: present, past, and future tenses, use of commas, using a dictionary and a glossary, Finding abstract nouns, pronouns and antecedents. We will also continue building narrative writing skills.

Math: We are learning strategies to subtract 3 and 4 digit numbers, 3 digit numbers with zeroes in the ones and tens place, and estimating sums and differences with 3 digit numbers. Students must show their work using two different strategies to demonstrate they have a deeper understanding of the addition and subtraction process. We are also going to start on different strategies for Multiplication!

Cursive: Keep encouraging your student to practice at home with their cursive! Studies have shown that learning and writing in cursive is extremely beneficial to the development of the brain.

Spelling: I will continue to send home spelling words on Friday in the Take Home folder. If you do not get a list have your child tell me and I will make sure you get another list. For the next few weeks our spelling pattern will be "long o" sounds using o_e, oe, ow, ough, oa, patterns. Then we will shift to "long u" sounds u_e, ue, oo, ew, and finally homophones.

Nonfiction Book Project: Please pick a book in the genre: **Nonfiction**. This is totally up to you and your child with what they can read. Create a poster that lists 10 facts that you have learned. Please use complete sentences with correct punctuation. Your poster should also include an illustration that deals with the book you have read. Be creative and have fun!!!

Harvest Party: For the Harvest Party please have your child bring in one drink and one snack. We will be watching a "G" rated movie. If your child would like to bring in a G movie we can vote on what we will be watching. The movie I will be bringing is The Charlie Brown Thanksgiving.

School Store: I am looking for some parents to donate some School Store items for good behavior! Stickers, candy, erasers, anything from the Dollar Store would be wonderful. Please let me know if you would be interested in donating!

"You have brains
in your head, you
have feet in your
shoes, you can
steer yourself in
any direction you
choose."
~Dr. Seuss