

✿ January Newsletter – 3rd Grade ✿

Dear Families,

We hope you had a restful winter break! January brings a fresh start, new goals, and exciting learning opportunities.

Literacy

Students are growing as readers and writers by:

- Understanding new vocabulary and figuring out the meaning of unfamiliar words
- Asking and answering questions to show comprehension
- Reading and retelling stories, including fables, folktales, and myths
- Identifying the central message, lesson, or moral of a story
- Describing characters and explaining how their actions affect the plot
- Comparing themes, settings, and plots across different stories
- Noticing how illustrations add meaning to a text
- Reading fluently with accuracy and expression
- Writing opinion pieces and narrative stories with clear details
- Participating in meaningful discussions with classmates
- Using correct grammar, handwriting, and language conventions

Math

This month, students will strengthen multiplication and division strategies, solve two-step word problems, continue practicing fact fluency, use area and perimeter to solve problems, and be introduced to fractions!

Science

Students are exploring the Earth, Moon, and Sun system and discovering how these objects move and create patterns we can observe from Earth.

- Our Solar System: Students learn that Earth is part of the solar system, which includes the sun (a star), planets, and many moons. They also learn that Earth is the third planet from the sun.
- Shadows and the Sun: Through hands-on investigations, students observe how the length and direction of shadows change throughout the day. This helps them understand that the sun appears to move across the sky.
- Patterns in the Sky: Students study how stars (including the sun) appear to move across the sky but maintain the same patterns over time.

Reminders

- Read at home 20 minutes nightly
- Check folders regularly
- Encourage your child to share new learning