

LAKE MICHIGAN NEWS

Mrs. Schwalm and Ms. Silva

September, 2016



Important Dates

September

9/15 - Birthday Bash (Sept.)

9/19 - Book Fair begins

9/23 - Cookie Dough fundraiser kick-off -Book Fair Ends

9/27 - Jeans for Cards

October

10/5 - Count Day/Picture Day

10/7 - 1st Midguarter

10/10 - Cookie dough orders & money due

10/12 - Spirit Day

10/13 - Birthday Bash (Oct.)

10/18 - Jeans for \$1

10/21 - Fall Harvest 9:00-11:30 p.m.

10/25 - Jeans for Cards

10/28 - County-Wide In-Service NO SCHOOL

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Parent Corner

Thank you to all of you who were able to send in school supplies for our class. It's great to see the students prepared each morning. Also great to see are the healthy snacks they are eating!

Back to School!

The 3rd graders are adjusting to their new classroom very well! The 4th graders have been helpful role models for the 3rd graders.

We will begin NWEA testing online and will test this week and next. Please make sure your child gets plenty of sleep and a good breakfast in order to perform at their best for the tests.

We will be starting Rosetta Stone again this year. NBA has purchased Spanish for the students to learn at their own pace. Students may also use their log-in information to practice at home.



F.Y.I.

Gym and Art are every Wednesday morning. Please send your child with their gym shoes on Wednesdays!

Agreements

Yes! Homework in third/fourth grade! In the case that your child did not finish a center activity, or has an assignment from their teacher: their homework will be written on their weekly agreement and circled. This agreement will go home each night and needs to be seen and signed by an adult. If there is homework written on their agreement, it is due the next morning (unless noted otherwise). Of course we are understanding and flexible, but please see the school hand- book for homework and missing assignment policy.

Questions or Concerns?

Please stop in before or after school, call us at (734) 854-5437, or email us at:

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What is Our Focus?

Below is a list of the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) topics that we will be focusing on in October.

MATH

3rd Grade:

- Place Value & Rounding
- Estimating
- Solving 2-step word problems using the 4 operations
- Addition & Subtraction

4th Grade:

- Multiplication equations & word problems
- Factors
- Patterns in numbers

SOCIAL STUDIES

3rd Grade:

4th Grade:

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LANGUAGE ARTS

We will be engaging in these activities monthly:

- Writing narrative, informational, and opinion pieces
- Phonics
- Grammar
- sight words
- speaking (book reports and other projects that they present)

SCIENCE

3rd Grade: Humans in the ecosystem (Natural resources, renewable & nonrenewable resources, recycle/reuse/reduce, the impact humans have on our environment 4th Grade: Life cycles, food webs, living and nonliving factors in ecosystems