



Third Grade Tidbits

Studies this Week

- ♦ Reading—We finished reading *Alice in Wonderland* last week. We also watched the Disney animated version of the movie. This week we will write compare and contrast essays between the two. We will begin novel groups this week. Each group will read aloud together, approximately one chapter per day. Students will then complete an assignment, usually a summary of the chapter, independently. These are homework if they are not finished during class time or study hall.
- ♦ Math—I appreciate that you are still working on math facts at home. It is beginning to show in assessments. Students will learn about fractional parts up to twelfths, radius and diameter of a circle, and measuring length with feet this week. We will also complete the Acuity Math Assessment in class on Friday. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

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Special points of interest:

- Acuity Math Assessment Friday, Sept. 9
- Homework Packets due every Friday morning
- ♦ Writing—We will work on compare/contrast essays, as well as finishing our burrito summaries for current events. We will also work on classifying sentences in Shurley English.
- ♦ Spelling—Lists 23-24 will be tested for a grade on Thursday and Friday respectively. We will learn 2 new lists this week (Lists 25, 27). Definitions are going well, Sentences must be complete with capital letters and punctuation.

More Studies this Week

- ♦ Science—We will finish our ecology unit this week with a paragraph on protecting the environment and a week long experiment about decomposers on Tuesday. We will begin a unit on animal classification later in the week.
- ♦ Social Studies—We will complete a geography vocabulary quiz on Tuesday. Students will make treasure maps for the classroom to end our map unit. We will begin a brief study of Canada and the relationship with the U.S. on Thursday, taking us through next week.