

Mrs. Heikel's Third Grade

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Classroom Highlights

These first two weeks have been filled with new routines and getting to know each other. We have shared, sung, read, and worked together. Gradually we are becoming a caring, learning community.

Our day begins with Morning Meeting where we greet each other, share, play a game or review a skill, and ends with the Pledge.

We have finished a spelling assessment and will begin Word Study in another week. During Reader's Workshop we have learned how to pick out a "just right" book and are reading independently, while I meet with kids individually. During Writer's Workshop, we began to think about ideas to write

about and are decorating our covers special to each of us. The call is still out for old magazines to use with kids still looking for words and pictures to put on their covers.

In Math, we have started our 3rd grade journals. Our first unit is a review of routines of the Everyday Math program. We are also practicing our facts. I hope you can find a little time several times a week to practice to help them get faster.

The big excitement in our room is that our bean plants are beginning to grow and change each day. We are becoming better scientists as we observe and document carefully in our notebooks.



We are finishing our 1st read-aloud, Donavan's Word Jar, which the kids have loved. As we read, we discuss how the words create pictures in our minds, how Donavan changes, and connections we make to different parts of the story. Kids are now collecting and sharing words for our word jar.

Your help and encouragement is so much appreciated! I am excited to be sharing this year with your children and watching them grow as learners.

This and That

Homework: This year I hope that your child can read 15-30 min. each night. The best way to improve reading skills is by reading. I like to see the variety of things they are reading.

For Math, we will be doing a Math Boxes page in

our journal each night starting next week. The journals will go home and back to school each day. Fact practice when you can.

For Word Study/Literacy, we will be using a workbook to learn the most common words used in

writing or writing in our writing journal.

Newsletter: After this week, I will only be sending home a paper copy to those families who asked for it. Others may view it online at Summit's website.

Dates to Remember

- 9/23 International Students visit 1—2:45
- 9/29 Open House 6:30—7:30



Weekly Specials

Monday: P. E.

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: P.E.

Thursday: Information Literacy(Learning Center); Guidance; Art

Friday: Music

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