

Mrs. Heikel's Third Grade

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Classroom Highlights

Dates to Remember

**12/8 Hand-to-Hand
Sale/Dessert Night**

**12/11 Report
Cards**

**12/17 Our class
share at Assembly
8:15**

**12/23 School Sing
-along 1:30**

We are happy to introduce Austin, a new classmate.



Weekly Specials

Monday: P. E.

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: P.E.

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

Friday: Music

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It was great speaking with all the families during the parent- teacher conferences. It is always great to share all the ways in which the children are growing.

During Math, we have finished our unit on measurement, but many of the kids still need practice using rulers and measuring to the nearest 1/4 inch. Ask them to tell you the time to the nearest minute on an analog clock.

We have now moved on to a unit on multiplication and division. We draw arrays for multiplication and have used counters to practice division. Along with the pages in our book, we

are learning both games and songs to help us start mastering our facts. Each child received a x/- chart to help with work at home.

When we are reading, we are now trying to find the evidence for the predictions that we are making. We continue to make connections to our own lives and some have started to make connections to other books they have read. In guided reading groups, we have been enjoying and practicing skills from Literature Works, an anthology.

In Writing, we are working on procedural pieces. We want to explain something we



know how to do in an engaging way. Thanks for your support on the writing for homework.

We are now reading From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler. Before we begin, the kids share words they find in their reading. We may discuss suffixes, syllables, word meanings, parts of speech, prefixes, and other vocabulary skills. We put them in our Word Jar.

This and That

Our Science study has been Matter during the past few weeks. We have explored the states of matter, acted out how molecules move within each state, made a model of a water molecule, and learned about physical and chemi-

cal changes of matter.



A fun discovery time this

week involved exploring "oobleck", made from corn starch and water.

