

Mrs. Heikel's Third Grade

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Classroom Highlights

Dates to Remember

10/19 Field trip to Maple St. Park

10/22-10/23 VEA Teacher's Convention

10/30 Fun Run (p.m.)



Weekly Specials

Monday: P. E.

Tuesday: Music

Wednesday: P.E.

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

Friday: Music

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Our class has completed the NECAP assessments very successfully. The children stayed relaxed, worked hard, rechecked their work, and read quietly while others finished. During three mornings, there was a math section completed, and during three afternoons we completed a section of reading. We took a break after we finished each, and had a "free choice" day in the computer lab on Friday to celebrate all our hard work. Thank you for your support of your child by sending them rested and well



fed!

Our bean plants are struggling with the colder weather, but continue to

grow. Some kids are now noticing that flower buds have appeared and we are wondering when they will open. We know that the beans will appear after the flowers!

As we have studied trees, we have reviewed the life cycle of a tree, have explored how trees are classified by looking on the www.arboday.net website, have examined pieces of wood to observe both the bark and the tree rings, as well as other bark and seeds. We have discussed how trees adapt to changes in weather and location, and have listed the many ways trees are useful in our lives. We have been enjoying many aspects of this



unit of study.

Writing a narrative piece involves sharing a personal part of ourselves. We began to explore this by creating a "heart map" of the special people, places, and things in our lives. As we learn to narrow our focus, we are recalling several memories for different people and places, then choosing just one at a time to put into a "short write". After writing several of these, we will choose one to develop into an expanded piece of narrative

This and That

Our field trip to Maple St. Park to meet with Mrs. Judy Dow, naturalist, will be on Monday, October 19. We plan to leave the school at 1:05-1:10 p.m. to walk to the park. We will return before 3 p.m. dismissal. I appreciate all the parents/

grandparents that are able to go with us. It is important that the children dress for the weather. If it remains cold, that includes hats and mittens.

Mrs. Dow will share with us about the forest habitat, how we can identify some

of the trees of the park, and parts of the life cycle. She may also share some Native American information about trees.

