

# The Third Grade Bergstrom Buzz

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## Reader's and Writer's Workshop

### Upcoming events:

- *Tuesday, October 6th: Picture Day*
- *Monday, October 12th through Friday, October 16th: NECAP testing*



Websites to help your child with math:

[www.mrnussbaum.com/cashout/index.html](http://www.mrnussbaum.com/cashout/index.html)

[www.funbrain.com/cashreg](http://www.funbrain.com/cashreg)

[www.coolmath4kids.com](http://www.coolmath4kids.com)

Our Reader's and Writer's workshop is well underway in our third grade class. I continue to be astounded at the eagerness with which these children read. They LOVE to read! It is wonderful.

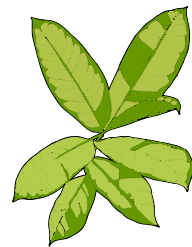
In reading, we have been focusing on writing constructed responses to pieces of text in preparation for the NECAPs. The children have also been reading many wonderful books independently. We have talked about choosing "Just

Right Books" that are not too hard and not too easy. The students are getting better at choosing a book that is at their ability and interest level, and sticking with that book to the end.

In writing, we've been focusing on writing personal narratives. We have thought of special people, places, and pets and are working on using a strong memory of that special thing as a seed to inspire our narratives. These students have many exciting, funny,



and emotional stories to tell! We hope to bring these stories to the final draft stage and then enjoy a celebration of our writ-



## Beans, Trees and Plants! Oh My!

We've been enjoying our plant unit immensely! We planted beans about 3 weeks ago and almost all of our seeds have grown. It has been a very exciting project.

We also investigated whether a plant will grow better if the seed is planted

1 inch, 2 inches, or 3 inches deep in the soil. It turns out that our 3 inch deep seed sprouted out of the soil first!

Along with this experiment, we have been exploring the important parts of a tree. We had a little debate about what the most

important part of a tree is. Ask your child what he or she thinks. We've been thinking about plant adaptations as well and enjoyed our first Four Winds where we learned about insect adaptations. Ask your child about these exciting explorations.