

The Third Grade Bergstrom Buzz

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Curriculum Updates

Upcoming events:

- *Monday, October 19th, 12-1:30, Field Trip to Maple Street Park.*
- **NO SCHOOL**
Thursday, October 22nd or Friday, October 23rd.



Fun Language Arts Websites:

Mad Libs Online:

www.eduplace.com/tales/

National Geographic Online (articles, games, videos):

kids.nationalgeographic.com/

The third graders continue to love reading. We just celebrated the release of the 4th *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* book. There are about nine copies of the first three books in our classroom library and they rarely last more than two minutes on the shelf. They are hot items! Kids are also enjoying some other graphic novels, realistic fiction books, and non-fiction texts. They are eager readers, for sure!

In writing, the students are nearly finished typing

their first draft of their personal narrative on the computer. They worked very hard to zoom in on one specific memory. The stories they are telling have great hooks at the beginning and a lot of detail to create vivid images in their reader's mind. Soon we will revise and edit these pieces. Tuesday, October 20th, is National Day on Writing, so we hope to do a celebration and a sharing of our first drafts then.

In math, the children are



doing a great job solving word problems and "What's My Rule" riddles.

Next week we will wrap up our plant unit and move on to a three week map unit. Please encourage your child to start exploring any maps that are around your home.

What a great start to the year!

Other News

I had mentioned at Open House that we are going to be using new Standards-Based Report Cards this year. It turns out that after careful thought, our administration and faculty have decided to stick with the former report cards for one more year while we continue our learning about

how to best implement the new report cards. If you have further questions about this, please contact me or Principal Mary Hughes.

Also at Open House, many of you signed up for a conference time on November 23rd or 24th. If you did not get a chance to sign up,

please call or e-mail and we will schedule a time that works well for you.

Thank you for helping your child to stay on top of his/her homework and for staying connected with his/her learning. It's been a pleasure working with you and your children this fall.