

News from 3B-November

Dear Parents,

We have been very busy with our special service organization, an art project for a local military person on our retreat day, the bazaar project and of course, the parent-teacher conferences. I'm not sure that I can remember all of what we did this month! Below are some of the skills that we started this month and what we will be working on in December.

Math- We finished working on adding and subtracting using borrowing and regrouping. This was difficult for some as they became confused when crossing back over a zero. If your child struggled with this, don't be afraid to give him/her some practice problems over the holidays. We are now working on both money and basic multiplication facts. I chose to do this to link how we group like coins and bills together to count them. Using multiplication is a quick way to group and add. Hopefully, anyone who struggles with money might actually be able to use their multiplication knowledge to get the same amount as someone who counts the money out. We will be focusing solely on multiplication facts during December. We'll use our flash cards in class to review for timed tests. **Please send your child's multiplication flash cards back to school.**

Science-We finished up our study of life science and are now working on physical science. The children enjoy doing experiments to see any changes that may or may not take place. This type of science is massive, so I imagine that it will also be what we're working on in December as well.

Social Studies- We finished working on types of communities this month and are now working on comparing global communities to those here in the United States. This involves comparing their

types of commerce, government style, social needs and roles in the world environment. We'll also continue to work on map skills throughout the year. Recently, we studied the equator and the prime meridian as imaginary lines that separate the earth into hemispheres. Next, we'll study using lines of longitude and latitude when locating places on the map.

On a more personal note, I'd like to thank you for helping me through my first set of conferences as a third grade teacher. True to form for me, I was sick for the last night of conferences. A very big thank you to those parents for helping me get through that night with laryngitis. ☺ If you ever have a question or concern, please let me know. I'll get in touch with you as soon as possible.

The Christmas Bazaar will be utilizing our 3A and 3B classrooms for Secret Santa. We will be spending our time in Johnson Hall that day. That morning, all students will report to the cafeteria where teachers will be on duty to supervise them. I will pick 3B up there and walk them to Johnson Hall. We will be visited by a St. Francis alumni member that morning to talk about his/her school experience. Later that morning (10:30-11:10), we'll walk over to the bazaar to shop for our goodies.

We will be having music practice soon in preparation for the Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 12. Mrs. Yekisa has been busy getting things ready for us. I have posted information about this on the weekly update for Nov. The students will not dress up for the dress rehearsal. However, they will dress up for the evening performance!

That's it for now. Have a safe, healthy and happy Thanksgiving!
Bobbie Braunbeck