**Third Grade Newsletter – September 27, 2019**

This week we started our therapy dog reading program. This program will continue each Tuesday afternoon through December. We continued practicing place value, counting money and making change, and also solved multi-step word problems. Finally, we began our cursive instruction, picking up right where students left off in May.

**Life Skills**

Third grade is the perfect time for your child to perfect the art of tying shoes! Many third graders seem to still be learning this skill. While teachers will assist students, it is something we expect students to master soon if they haven’t already. If your child is still learning, please support this skill at home with extra practice. Also, many students have extra-long shoelaces. Even when tied, these shoelaces are hazardous because students are still tripping on them and falling. Take a minute and check your child’s shoes. Are the laces too long? For safety, please swap them out with shorter laces. Thank you for helping with this important safety issue.

**Reminders**

* Homework **must** be completed each night. Incomplete homework assignments will be completed at recess, and tracked for report cards. Thank you for your support.
* Students are required to ***read and log*** a minimum of 100 minutes per week. The reading logs are in the back of the green homework folders. Please help your child reach this goal each week.

**Conferences**

We are very excited to meet with you to discuss your child’s progress so far in third grade! If you still need to sign up for a time slot, please use the Google doc sent out last week. If you have not signed up for a conference time, please contact us as soon as possible. If you would like to conference with your child’s math teacher, please contact her directly to schedule a separate time.

**Spirit Week**

Next week we will celebrate Spirit Week throughout the school. The lower school will observe the following activities for Spirit Week:

**Monday**—Wear your favorite sports team shirt

**Tuesday**—Backwards or inside out clothes day

**Wednesday**—Crazy hat day

**Thursday**—Crazy sock day or slippers day

(please bring regular shoes for recess)

**Friday**—Wear blue/green and FA logo attire

**Important Dates**

**October 4-----------Homecoming parade**

 **and pep rally (2:30 p.m. start)**

**October 5-----------Fall Carnival**

**October 10----------Parent Teacher Conferences**

 **(evening hours)**

**October 11----------Parent Teacher Conferences**

 **No school**

**October 14----------Fall Break**

 **No School**

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