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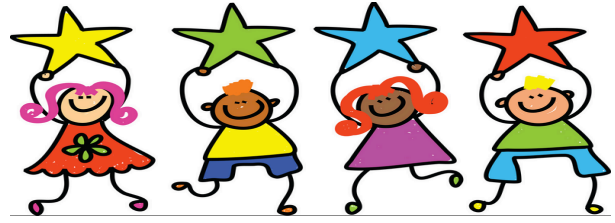
Third Grade Newsletter

Ms. Beltran - 3-301

Mrs. Roby & Mrs. McKenna - 3-303

Mrs. Duffy - 3-305

Mrs. Moreno - 3-307



Math News

Our classes have started a new math unit about addition and subtraction called *Travel Stories and Collections*. We will refine addition and subtraction strategies and solve different types of word problems. The children will deepen their understanding of 3-digit numbers and their place value.

It's really important that your child is communicating their strategies clearly so that others can understand their thinking. Ask them to show you their strategies and have them explain their strategies when they finish solving problems.

Reading News

For the month of December our students will be exploring mystery. Our students will be reading mystery books, working in book clubs. Students will read their mysteries keeping track of clues, wondering about suspects, jotting points of confusion and discussing their thinking with partners. As the unit progresses, our students will shift from reading mysteries to reading other types of fiction.

Social Studies News

We will continue to study Brazil by looking closely at the geography, culture and natural resources of Brazil. The children are becoming experts on this topic by watching videos and reading lots of articles! The children will be learning new and exciting information through reading and deciphering complex texts together! We are working on deconstructing sentences and learning many new vocabulary words through word play.

Writing News

We are now moving into writing opinion pieces about changing the world through speeches, editorials and petitions. We will look for things in our community we would like to change. Once we have identified something we would like to change, we will come up with reasons to support our claim.

Important Dates:

Holiday Break- December 24- January 2
Classes resume on Tuesday January 3, 2016