

HFS Grade 3 October Newsletter 2020



Dear Grade 3 Parents,

The month of October is exciting and full. This month we will be celebrating Thanksgiving with a school Thanksgiving Celebration and Halloween! Please note that we often do service projects to help those less fortunate. Never feel that you have to contribute if it gets overwhelming for you. My motto is "ask and you shall receive". When we are in a position to give, we can. We certainly don't expect everyone to contribute all the time. Just do what you can. God bless!

Reminders:

- As the weather gets colder this month, please remember to send warm mittens, hats, coats, etc. to school with your child (in a bag) to wear during recess times.
- Our 3H library day is Wednesday each week. Please remind your child to bring their books to school for book exchange.
- Please remind your child to bring home their desk water bottles for washing daily.
- PD Day - Friday, Oct. 9th. No school for students.
- Thanksgiving - No school Oct. 12th. Enjoy your extra long weekend!
- PD Day - Friday, Oct. 23rd. No school for students.

Thanksgiving School Celebration:

We will be having a virtual Thanksgiving school celebration Tuesday, October 6th at 10:45 a.m. Students will remain in their classroom for this.

Halloween:

We will be celebrating Halloween activities on the afternoon of Friday, October 30th. More information to follow.



Scholastic Book Orders:

Feel free to order books through Scholastic Online this year.

Home Reading:

This month I am again looking for 10 reading tickets by Friday, October 30th. Each reading ticket is worth 30 minutes of at-home reading (either paper copy books or online reading - EPIC books). Read! Read! Read!

Core Curriculum:

Language Arts: This month in L.A., we will be journal writing, writing responses to our read-aloud: Charlotte's Web and working on poetry. In reading, we will work on strengthening reading skills from our CAFÉ Menu in our School-wide **Daily 5 (Daily 4 this year) Literacy** program including:

1. Read to Self
2. Working with Words
3. Work on Writing
4. Listen to Reading

Students have been choosing "good-fit" books and reading literature of their interest and at their personal reading level. I have also assigned students books to read on our EPIC online reading program. Students can access books at their levels on this website from home as well.

Math: - We will begin to work in the number concepts unit this month. We will be learning to represent and rename numbers to 1000 with numerals, words, pictures and base ten blocks. I would also like to ask that you practice addition and subtraction basic facts with your children at home in order to improve their recall and accuracy. Please try to play some cards or dice games with your child at home. Crib, Yahtzee and Snakes and Ladders are great games to play.

Science: - We will be continuing with our unit on Building and Testing Unit. We have been learning about fair tests and various materials used in the building of different structures. Students will next be learning about pillars and beams and will be building towers this month. If you have pictures of interesting buildings, please send these with your child to share with the class.

Social: - We have now completed our mapping unit and will begin learning about the 4 countries of **Peru, Tunisia, Ukraine and India** in the grade 3 curriculum. Our class will take an imaginary flight to each country and learn about their quality of life, customs/traditions, services, land and resources. We will also have a special project culminating the learning about each country. The first country that we will be learning about is the country of **Peru**. Our flight to Peru will take place during the first few weeks of October. Bon Voyage!

Have a fantastic month!
The Grade 3 Team