3RD GRADE PIXEL PRESS
MS. SHAW'S CLASS
NEWSLETTER #34
WEEK OF: MAY 15TH – MAY 19TH

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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

This week in Social Studies we will finish Chapter 6: *How Do People Improve Their Communities?* In this chapter, we will read about various influential people in America's history and what they have done to improve their communities. Our test for this chapter will be on Friday, May 19th.

We will also continue working on our Western States Projects and begin making a travel brochure using an app on the iPads.

LITERACY THIS WEEK

READER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Reader's Workshop, we will continue our Poetry Unit. In Lesson 4, students will figure out a poet's inspiration in order to help them understand the big idea hidden inside a poem using *The Underwear Salesman* by J. Patrick Lewis. In Lesson 5, students will use Reading, *Rhyming, and 'Rithmetic* by Dave Cawley and *Every Second Something Happens* by Christine San Jose and Bill Johnson to question how words in a poem make them feel and understand that those feelings help them better understand the poems they read.

WRITER'S WORKSHOP

This week in Writer's Workshop, we will continue with the Drafting stage of our Schoolwide Opinion Writing Unit: Biography. In Drafting Lesson 1, students will create leads for their biographies that hold their readers' attention and state their opinion about their subjects. In Drafting Lesson 2, students will write the body paragraphs of their biographies using the chronological text structure.

MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK

MODULE 7: LESSONS 12-16

This week we will continue Module 7: Geometry and Measurement Word Problems. In Lessons 12-16 we will measure side lengths in whole number units to determine the perimeter of polygons, explore perimeter as an attribute of plane figures in order to solve problems, determine the perimeter of regular polygons and rectangles when whole number measurements are missing, solve word problems to determine perimeter with given side lengths, and use string to measure the perimeter of various circles to the nearest quarter inch.

TEACHER NOTES...

Our field trip to Brookfield Zoo is on May 31st. Please sign and return the permission slip with $7 if your child will be able to attend.

Book Club is almost here! Please make sure your child finishes reading Fourth Grade Rats this week if they are attending our pizza and ice cream sundae celebration dinner next Monday, May 22nd.

READING TIP...

Don't forget that your child should still be reading for 20 minutes each night to build fluency and comprehension in preparation for 4th Grade!

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 17th – 3rd Grade Step-Up Day; Spirit Day, Hot Dog Day
May 19th – Social Studies Chapter 6 Test
May 20th – Happy Birthday Sama! :)
May 22nd –Third Grade Book Club 3:05-4:15pm; Happy Birthday Ellie! :)
May 24th – Indian Hill Color Run Fundraiser
May 25th – Chippewa Music Concert
May 29th – Memorial Day, No School
May 31st – Brookfield Zoo Field Trip
June 2nd – Last day of school 1:30pm dismissal

Summer Birthdays – Happy Birthday Angela (June 9th), Danny (June 11th), and Austin (July 22nd)!