

3RD GRADE PIXEL PRESS MS. SHAW'S CLASS NEWSLETTER #1 WEEK OF: OCTOBER 10[™] - OCTOBER 14[™]

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SPECIALS SCHEDULE

Monday: P.E.

Tuesday: Art & P.E.

Thursday: P.E. & Library

Friday: Music & Computers

SCIENCE/SOCIAL

This week we will finish Chapter 3: Types of Animals. We will further investigate the difference between vertebrates and invertebrates by creating a Venn Diagrams that describes the similarities and differences between the two types of animals.

We will also review together and take our **Test on Thursday.** A study guide was sent home last week. Students will be able to take their Science Book home for further review.

LITERACY THIS WEEK

<u>READER'S WORKSHOP</u>

This week we will discuss the importance of staying focused while reading and how it will help us grow as readers by using a retelling of the short story "Why Bears Sleep All Winter" by Gale Sypher Jacob. We will also explore the importance of being a careful reader and how we can self monitor how we read for comprehension. Students will learn how to create mental images based on rich descriptions in a text using our mentor text *The Bee Tree* by Patricia Polacco. Lastly, we will begin exploring the reading strategy "Close Reading" by reading short texts, marking up the text, and answering comprehension questions.

<u>Writer's Workshop</u>

This week students continue drafting their personal narrative story using the resources collected during our workshop lessons. We will also continue our Fall writing activity, Picasso Frankenstein. Students will create their own Picasso Frankenstein this week and begin creating their story to go along with their creation.



MATH LESSONS THIS WEEK EUREKA MODULE 2: LESSONS 4-7

This week students will solve word problems involving time intervals within 1 hour by counting backward and forward using a number line and a clock. We will also solve word problems involving time intervals by adding and subtracting on the number line.

Students will explore building and decomposing kilograms to reason about the size and weight of kilograms and grams of varying weights. Lastly, we will develop estimation strategies by reasoning about the weight in kilograms of a series of familiar objects to establish mental benchmark measures.

TIP FOR SUCCESS...

Our Science Chapter 3 looks at classifying vertebrates, invertebrates, and the different groups of animals. A great way for your child to be able to identify these animals is to find real life examples. If you are watching a show that has an animal in it ask your child how they would classify that animal. This could also work while you are taking or walk or simply talking about the different animals they could think of.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October 10th – Columbus Day- No School October 11th – Test on Soccer in P.E. October 12th – Spirit Day- Wear Orange; Board Meeting at D.O. @ 7p.m. October 13th – Science Chapter 3 Test

October 14th – Team Alex Spirit Day- Wear Stripes; Bowling B @ Palos Lanes 4:00p.m. October 19th – PLC Day 1:30 Dismissal; Unity Day October 21st – PFA Raffle Tickets Due