

Weller 3rd Grade News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Oct. 6: McTeacher Night 5-8pm
- ◆ Oct. 8: Math/Literacy /PTA 5-7pm
- ◆ Oct. 16: October Rocks 5:30-7:30

Mrs. Tinney's Class



Student News

This year is a big learning year for third graders. We will take on harder concepts that will challenge us. Everything we do is to prepare us to be ready for fourth grade and for all of our learners to be proficient.

We have already learned four reading strategies! They include preview and read, schema, synthesize, and visualize. We have done an incredible job so far as we get used to being self-regulated learners that read for an hour! Soon we will begin to tackle even harder strategies that will increase our knowledge of story elements and nonfiction text features.

We have also learned new math concepts, and at the same time have been reviewing what we have learned from last year. We have been VERY lucky to have the opportunity to have the math specialist come in with many fun activities.

These activities, such as card games and dominoes, are reinforcing the basic math skills and foundations we will need for math concepts later in the year, such as multiplication and division.

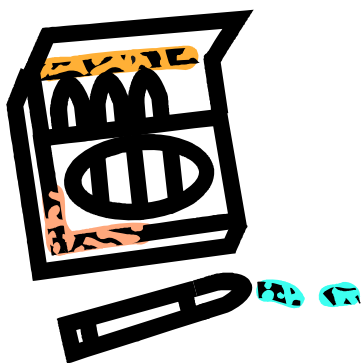
We have also have begun to publish our first stories. Look for our books on our backpacks soon!

Dear Parents

I have really appreciated the great turnout we have had for Meet the Teacher and Open House. Thank you for those of you who braved the rain to make it! The students are always so proud to show you their work and it is great to see what they have learned and noticed about their classroom. I have enjoyed meeting each and every parent and am looking forward to parent teacher

conferences. You have some amazing learners and I thank you for all of the support I have received from you so far! Parent teacher conferences will begin the first week of November. I will send papers home soon to have you sign up for a time if you have not already. We strive to make 100% contact and I truly enjoy bragging to you about your children! ☺

Continuous Classroom Improvement News



“The mission of Mrs. Tinney’s 3rd Grade class is to become self-regulated by showing effort and persistence, being respectful to our teacher and classmates, and by staying focused to help ourselves and others so that we can be ready for 4th grade.”

I am very excited to continue using the Continuous Classroom Improvement method in my classroom (and building) this year. This method places the students in charge of their learning. It gives them a sense of responsibility toward reaching proficiency for themselves and for their classmates.

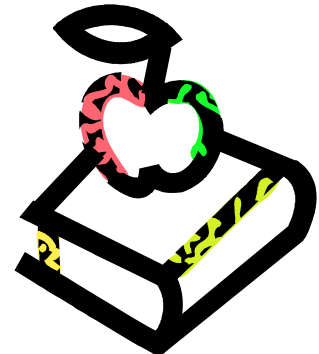
The classroom works together to make sure all learners are where they need to be for 4th grade (proficient) or higher (advanced). We are off to a good start this year!

After reading the beginning of the year writing prompts that the students wrote I determined that writing was an area of need for this class. The teacher determines what goal the

students need to work on weekly to ultimately achieve proficiency in the subject by the end of the year.

We have begun charting our individual and class learning results and the students have already learned about their work habits and needs. I am proud to say that we were able after our first goal to raise the number of students scoring proficient by three students! We have also learned that double checking our work is very necessary!

After we have gained understanding of the process in writing, we will continue to implement the CCI method into our classroom by extending it to reaching our math goals!



P.R.I.D.E. Panthers

I am excited to say that three of our students have already been nominated for P.R.I.D.E. panther, and will be getting their handprints up soon. Congratulations to Autumn, André, and T.J.! These students have shown excellent behaviour in all areas including politeness, respect, integrity, discipline, and effort.

They are an important part of the school and the classroom because they serve as role models to

demonstrate the type of behaviour that is necessary to achieve our learning goals.

I will nominate P.R.I.D.E. panthers weekly (if possible). I will nominate again soon. The students have already been asking!

