



COMMUNITY UPDATE

We added another wonderful week to our third grade world. We learned about Sarah Hale, a native of New Hampshire, and how she worked long and hard in order to get our government to make Thanksgiving a national holiday. This fit in super well with our growth mindset learning too. Through picture books we learned that it took Sarah Hale over thirty years of hard work with many letters to different presidents before Abraham Lincoln finally said okay! She was super determined and used lots of grit and hard work in order to get her cause accomplished. Because of her determination and passion, Americans all celebrate Thanksgiving. We learned that that was not the case until 1863. That many Southern, Mid Atlantic, and Western states did not recognize Thanksgiving as a holiday and were beginning to no longer celebrate. More will be built on this during our field trip to the Strawberry Banke Museum on Monday.

In addition to learning about Sarah Hale, 3C also watched two different BrainPop videos on the history of Thanksgiving. They shared their findings and also asked more questions as the videos sparked further thinking about our country's history.

I hope all of you have a wonderful Thanksgiving next week! 3C will be writing some grateful cards. I'll send those home on Tuesday. Also, I'd like to let you know that I will be having parent/ teacher conferences on December 5th and 6th, the same week that report cards are sent home to you. I have included a sign- up for you to complete and return. As soon as I receive them, I'll schedule and send home a confirmation.

STUDENT WORK

No Homework next week. Happy Thanksgiving!

Word study journals are going home! This is the place where you can see your child's personal spelling tests. Also, I'm sending home a comprehension reading assignment. I'll explain further on the other page.

In Reading

REAL READING: They continued to further their learning about "real reading". Together we made a "real reading salad" during a shared reading of the book, *Tucky Jo and Little Heart* by Patricia Polacco. After each page of text read, we took turns putting a thought bubble over our heads to share our thinking. The thinking was the lettuce in our salad and the text was tomatoes. Afterwards, we saw that "real reading" has a whole lot more lettuce (thinking) and tomatoes (text). Therefore, as readers we should spend a lot of time thinking about what we are reading.

This is will continue and build into next week.

INDEPENDENT READING TIME: I have loved taking small groups into the library for book list making. They have been learning how to use NOVELIST and DESTINY QUEST as helpful search tools. They are also learning where many just- right books are located in the library.

COMPREHENSION/ METACOGNITION: Last week I had mentioned that I gave the kiddos a comprehension check, and this week that assignment is inside the Communication Folder. It is for you to keep. The kiddos built on this experience. I shared examples of student work that met expectations. Then I went over and showed what those expectations look like. Finally, I showed strategies for how to meet those expectations. So, they are learning to be specific, use character names, make sure they answer what the question is asking, elaborate and explain, and to be accurate. After some more learning, they set goals and then completed another comprehension activity. I'll send these home next week.

In Writing

NARRATIVE WRITING: They spent a good amount of time learning more about what narrative writing is, what it looks like, and the key ingredients. Together, they read an example narrative and charted the different parts of it. Then they worked in small groups to identify a narrative out of four different pieces of writing and proved it by pointing out all of its parts. This does connect with reading comprehension. When they point out the parts of the narrative, they are listing events, names of characters, setting, and the action.

In Math

MULTIPLICATION: They continued to learn and explore the array model of multiplication.

ASSESSMENT: I gave an end of the term math test this week. I will be sharing the results of this during the conference.

FACTTEST: I tested them on their subtraction facts. These will go home next week.

We continued to build our Haunted Houses!

Fastt Math Update: Things are happening! The technical side of it is being worked on, like adding student names and accounts. This should be ready after Thanksgiving Break. When it is, I'll send home a letter with instructions for how to use it. I'll also teach the kids how to use it here at school first before I begin sending it home for homework.

In Science

We had a fun time with starting to learn about winds and hazardous storms. We are on our final Mystery Doug segment for our weather unit. After that, we will have a project for the third graders to complete. I cannot wait to get started! They are going to love it. This final hazardous storm lesson is also super hands-on. This is what our class does best. :)

In Open Circle

Open Circle was especially helpful to us this week. It truly allowed 3C a forum to share their feelings about recess. Even better, we came up with helpful strategies. During recess, game rules were clarified and so were expected behaviors. We agree now that if a sport like soccer is not being played according to our personal standards, then perhaps we should step away and play something else instead of making others feel badly for their soccer skills. We agreed that games during recess should not be competitive but instead inclusive and fun. We will continue to work on this. :).

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GET OUT YOUR CALENDARS

November 19- Field trip to Strawberry Banke Museum

November 21, 22, and 23- Thanksgiving Break

December 5 and 6- Parent Teacher Conferences- Sign ups are going home!

BLOG:

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Read Aloud Books & Videos:

Science, No Fair! - Our chapter book read aloud

Tucky Jo and Little Heart

2 different books about Sarah Hale for our learning about Thanksgiving

2 different BRAINPOP videos on Thanksgiving

EXTRAS:

THANK YOU FOR THE SNACKS!!!!