

SEPTEMBER 6, 2019

3C News



This is a picture of us after we played Group Juggle. You may notice the sign that we are holding up. It is our classroom promise that we made! Each of us traced our hands and wrote four promises in order to help our community be the best it can be. Some examples of promises include: respect, patience, positive attitude, creativity, kindness, polite, brave, sweet, and hard working. We have our promise poster hanging up in our classroom and we regularly share our promises with one another as reminders of what we are going to give to help make our classroom the community that we want to be a part of.

This second week of school was a good introduction to what our days will mostly be like. We have now had readers workshop, number corner, writers workshop, math workshop, science workshop, Open Circle, and we will happily be adding writers workshop to the list next week. We have worked hard to be establish norms for all of our workshops, and we have posted them as helpful reminders.

I am so proud of them for working so hard at learning so many new routines, procedures, norms, and also at showing what they understand as readers, mathematicians, scientists, and community members. It's going to be a great year!

OUR CLASSROOM TEACHERS

You may notice both Ms. A and Ms. Prince in the above group photo. They have both been super helpful these first two weeks of school. We feel lucky to have them as a part of our 3C Community!

STUDENT WORK

Many of you are probably wondering how your child is doing so far in third grade. There is some work going home today, but I want to clearly communicate that in third grade we more often complete long- term projects and activities that take some time to accomplish. The work that is going home this week is not a complete representation of what your child does each day at school, but it is a piece of that puzzle. Right now our bulletin boards and walls are being decorated with your child's thoughtful, meaningful work that they have been accomplishing during these first two weeks. When you come in for Curriculum Night, you will be able to see it. I will post photos on the blog too.

ACADEMICS

In Reading:

1. An overview of readers workshop for third grade.
2. How to do our best reading and thinking during independent reading time. They listed behaviors that they promise to use during independent reading time in order to be able to read and think about their books.
3. Independent Reading Time- 3C read for 20 minutes and I was able to begin reading conferences. This way I get the opportunity to read with each child in order to individualize needs.
4. The Perfect Spot- They completed a drawing and wrote about a perfect place for them to read where they can focus and not get interrupted.
5. We read aloud different picture books like *Let Me Finish* in order to set the stage for helpful reading habits to use during our workshops.

In Math:

1. Number Corner- They learned what we do in number corner and why we do it. They participated in changing the calendar markers each day and writing down observations. This month's number corner is an introduction to third grade geometry skills like identifying quadrilaterals and the different attributes of those shapes like right angles, parallel sides, perpendicular sides, and intersecting sides. Some of the work inside this weeks' Communication Folder is from Number Corner. This time is separate from, and in addition to, the time that we have math workshop in the afternoons.
2. Glyphs: We used glyphs or symbols in order to communicate some characteristics of ourselves as mathematicians. Next week we plan to collect data based on the observations we can make from the glyphs.
3. Math Assessment: There are 2 beginning of the year math assessments and we started one of those on Friday. I will be giving the assessment in small chunks as to not overwhelm them with testing! I will share the data at the first conference. The information gathered from these assessments will help me better

individualize and meet student needs. In addition to informing instruction, it will also show evidence of growth or point out areas that need additional support after they have had time to learn it.

4. Quadrilateral Activity: This is in the Communication Folder and it was completed independently. I wanted to see what the kids knew before we moved ahead. No worries if they did not know a whole lot. It is a good starting place.
5. Word Problems: Some of our friends were able to get started on solving some Summer Vacation word problems this week. Some friends will get to it next week.

In Science:

1. Scientist Drawings: We finished drawing our pictures of a scientist "doing" science. This week we read aloud the book titled, *CeCe Loves Science* in order to help us add questions to our drawings. Next week we will write about our scientists.
2. Mystery Science: We watched a video about inventors and learned how they come up with ideas for their inventions. We also learned how they work hard and use grit in order to accomplish their goals.

In Community and Open Circle:

1. We had Open Circle for all but one day this week, because we have been working super hard at establishing our circle routine. Being able to take our chairs quickly, quietly, and safely to an open area of the room in order to create the circle has been a goal of ours since last week. We did it!
2. Creating Open Circle rules- We set some norms for our Open Circle meetings and posted them. We worked hard at making sure we wrote ways to be good listeners, to be respectful, and to show that we care.
3. Creating Classroom Rules: We ended our week by creating a list of classroom rules. Next week, I will be sending these home in the form of a contract.
4. We finished our Bag Share Project and also played Group Juggle a few times. We were able to add on a ball during Group Juggle as we have gotten that good!

HELPFUL TIDBITS

CURRICULUM NIGHT:

September 18

PICTURE DAY:

September 17

THANK YOU!

I very much appreciate the Communication Folders coming back to school each day. There has not been much to send home right now, but I still appreciate having them returned. Thanks for your help with that.

All of 3C is stocked with supplies! Thank you so much for making that happen.

BLOG UPDATE:

- * I will be posting new pictures from this week onto the blog. Take a peek when you get a chance. I'll also post this newsletter.
- * Address reminder: mrscoronato.edublogs.org