

# The Leadership Lowdown

Third Grade Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Leader in Me Assembly – 2 p.m.

Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> – Credit Union Deposit Day

Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> – Report Cards Sent Home

Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> – **Valentine's Day Party**

Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> – Book Orders Due by 12 p.m.

## Caught in the Habit

Ariana has been caught using polite and proactive language with classmates and adults on many different occasions in Personsville. She is very quick to say "please" or "thank you" and often gives a classmate or teacher a compliment to fill someone's bucket. Thank you for "being proactive" and "thinking win-win", Ariana. Your positivity and cheerful attitude sets a wonderful example and is appreciated by us all!



## Valentine's Day

It's hard to believe that Valentine's Day is in just a few weeks! I've seen lots of sales already for Valentine's Day cards. If your child wants to get a heads start on writing his/her Valentines, don't forget to use the Class List in the SNEETCH binder! This way, no one will be left out!

## We're Learning....

### Reading

- I can describe and identify a problem-solution text structure.
- I can use evidence in the text to support my answers.

### Writing.

- I can plan ideas/details for each of my categories with information I already know.
- I can blog about a topic that I know.

### Math

- I can divide to find the number of equal groups.
- I can use known multiplication facts to help me solve division problems.
- I can solve 2-step problems using the four operations.

### Science

- I can identify gravity as a force that pulls objects toward the Earth.
- I can compare and contrast the motion of a paper airplane in space and on Earth.

**\*Motion Quiz on Tuesday**

### Social Studies

- I can explain the relationship between the Erie Canal, increased population, and Michigan becoming a state.

### Word Study

- I can use context clues to determine the meaning of the following unknown words:  
**-elegant, privilege, calculate, grumble, assemble**
- I can generate synonyms and antonyms for each of my vocabulary words.
- I can draw a picture to show the meaning of each of my vocabulary words.

**\*Vocabulary Quiz on Monday on 10 words\***  
*elegant, privilege, calculate, grumble, assemble  
research, specific, fragile, pledge, defend*

## AdvancED Parent Survey

Please take a few minutes to complete the AdvancEd Parent Survey. Your feedback will remain anonymous. If you have children that attend more than one school, please fill out a separate survey for each school. The survey will remain open until February 5<sup>th</sup>.

<http://www.advanced.org/survey/public/4451074>

## Thank You!



Thank you to everyone who bought items for our Arts and Crafts Derby basket! Because of your donations, our basket was fantastic! Also, thank you to everyone who bought candy canes or helped at the candy cane sale - we sold a ton of candy canes and are in great shape for our upcoming field trip! You truly made these fundraisers a win-win for our school! ☺

### Growth Mindset

Have you watched the Growth Mindset episodes on Class Dojo yet? If not, they are just a couple of minutes and are definitely worth watching!

Our class has been watching an episode each week at SOAR time and have had a great discussion over what growth mindset means, why it's okay to make mistakes, and the importance of challenging our brains to help us learn and grow! If you're interested in watching, I've posted the 1<sup>st</sup> episode on Class Story! Enjoy!

## New Routines/Homework

Recently, I've implemented a few new routines/activities in Personsville. Below is an outline of the homework expectations and important information you need to know:

### Vocabulary Words:

- 5 words introduced on Mondays
- Vocabulary Quiz every 2 weeks
- Homework: Practice/review word meanings

### Spelling Words:

- 5 words introduced on Fridays
- Spelling Quiz every Friday
- Homework: 3 spelling activities due every Friday (*Your child has a full week to complete 3 activities*).
- Spelling activities can be done on [www.spellingcity.com](http://www.spellingcity.com) or from tic-tac-toe board in SNEETCH.

### Multiplication Math Games:

Although our multiplication unit is finished, this is a skill that needs to be consistently practiced for your child to be fluent by the end of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Therefore, I thought it would be fun to send home multiplication games that your child can practice. This also gives him/her a break from traditional paper-pencil/worksheet homework or online homework each week.

Multiplication games will not always be sent home weekly, but when he/she does bring a game home as homework, there is a math log in your child's SNEETCH that should be filled out and kept in the folder at all times.

- Games should be played 3 times
- A parent signature is required to verify the information.
- Your child has a full week to play the game 3 times.