

The Leadership Lowdown

Third Grade Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

♥**Book Fair this Week!**

Feb. 24th – Science Fair 6:30-8 p.m.

Feb. 26th – Wacky Day – Pay \$1 to participate

Feb. 27th – Book Orders Due by 12 p.m.

March 3rd – Leadership Day!

Caught in the Habit

I caught a few students “synergizing” and “thinking win-win” this week that I’d like to recognize:

Jonathan and Shivani were both caught helping out a classmate that was absent at their table group. They got out their notebook and guided the absent student through the assignment, let him/her copy down notes, and showed them where to glue things. Thank you for being such a help!

Naoki was caught helping out a classmate when she dropped all of her materials on the floor. He immediately got up and helped her pick everything up without even being asked. Thank you for being a friend and caring about others!

We’re Learning...

Reading

- I can use evidence (and evidence-based terms) to answer questions about an informational text.
- I can highlight evidence to answer questions about an informational text.
- I can identify text structures in my own reading.
- I can read a variety of genres for the 50 Book Challenge.

Writing.

- I can write 3-5 supporting details about my main idea.
- I can use transition words to connect my ideas in my writing.
- I can identify parts of a strong closing paragraph in an author's writing.
- I can write a strong closing paragraph for my informational topic.

Math

- I can show what I know about division.
- I can show what I know about fractions.

Social Studies

- I can explain how entrepreneurs use resources to produce goods and services.
- I can explain how scarcity, choice, and opportunity cost affect what is produced and consumed in MI.

Science

- I can describe earth materials (rocks) based on their properties.

Word Study

- I can use context clues to determine the meaning of the following unknown words:
-oppose, origin, snide, diverse, heap
- I can generate synonyms and antonyms for each of my vocabulary words.
- I can explain what a prefix is and how it can change the meaning of words.
- I can draw a picture to show the meaning of each of my vocabulary words.

Spelling/Vocabulary City

As you know, your child has had the option of using a website called Spelling/Vocabulary City to practice his/her word wall words. I have not assigned vocabulary words yet, but this is something that I'd like to add to your student's lists in the future because it has activities for them to practice meaning. The feedback I've received from students so far about this website has been very positive. It is also beneficial for me as a teacher because I am able to assign word lists, activities, and track student progress and data using the premium membership on this site.

However, my free trial of the premium membership is about to expire and it is \$53 to continue using these features for the year. I believe it is beneficial and students are enjoying the activities for practice. **This is completely optional - but if you are willing, I am asking for \$2 donations from families to help me pay for the premium membership.** I'd appreciate any donations!

We Need Your Sports Photos!



Silver Springs is in the process of creating a Student Sports Hall of Fame Photo Display! Students should bring in a color photo that shows them participating in a sport or dressed in their sports uniform. The student's name and teacher should be written on the back of the photo. Photos should be turned in before Friday, Feb. 26th in order to be displayed.

Leadership Day Attire

Leadership Day is right around the corner! Our sports-themed event will take place on Thursday, March 3rd. In order to show our team spirit, we are asking that all students wear some kind of spirit wear - it can be for a favorite sports team or Silver Springs spirit wear. Examples include: a Michigan jersey, a Michigan State t-shirt, a Silver Springs shirt, a Red Wings jersey, a Tigers shirt, a Northville team shirt, a soccer shirt, etc. Remember - this is not Halloween. Students should NOT wear a full sports uniform to school. Jeans and comfortable shoes are appropriate with a sports shirt. We're excited to show off all of our wonderful leaders! 😊

M-STEP Testing Dates

In the Spring, all third graders will be taking the M-STEP standardized assessment in English Language Arts and Math. We recently found out that testing for third grade will take place between **April 26th-May 4th.**

If at all possible, please try not to schedule any appointments or vacations on those dates. There will be makeup test dates - however your child will have to miss a significant amount of regular instructional time to make up these assessments.