

# Weekly Update

## Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

### This Week in 3rd Grade

Happy December! I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving. I am so happy that we have had everyone here this week! Hopefully, the germs that have been going around are past us, and we will have a healthy December. This week, we had a technology lesson with Ms. Flavin about digital citizenship. Remember, next week we have early dismissal each day Tuesday-Friday. I am looking forward to meeting with you at conferences! Here's what else we've been up to...

### Reading

This week, we continued practicing identifying the main idea in a nonfiction text. We also worked on paraphrasing, which will help students to summarize nonfiction. We discussed how paraphrasing means taking the author's words and restating them in your own words. Next week, we will practice summarizing, as well as responding to both fiction and nonfiction.

### Writing

This week, students used the pre-writing strategy of brainstorm webbing. This is a great tool for deciding what their subtopics should be, and then what details to include for each. We also began typing a drafted informational writing piece into Google Slides. This will become their informational chapter book for our writing unit. Students learned some strategies for ways to elaborate on what they have already written, including defining vocabulary words, describing with detail, and using research to add more information. Next week, we will create a Table of Contents and learn how to write a strong introduction.

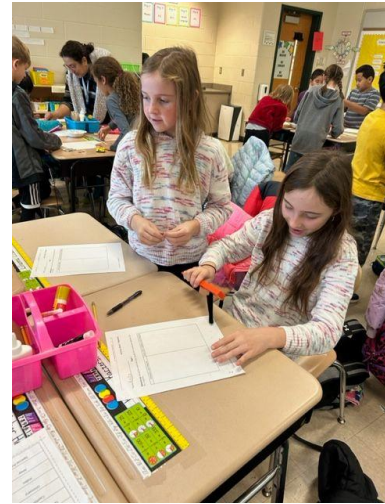
### Math

In math this week, we learned about the Distributive Property and Associative Property of multiplication. Students took a quiz on these, as well as division. We also started Topic 4 this week, which is all about relating division to multiplication. Now that students have learned the concept of multiplication, and strategies for finding products, it is a great time to start working on memorizing facts. This will help them be able to divide and solve word problems faster. A great way to practice at home is by using good ol' flash cards! :) We're also doing fact practice on Freckle in class.

### Science

This week, we reviewed what we have learned so far about force & motion and students took a benchmark assessment, which was sent home. Overall, they did very well on this! We also began exploring magnetic forces. We saw how magnets can use both pulling and pushing forces without even touching or making contact! These are called "non-contact forces." We also started a new Mystery Science activity where they have to create a door lock using magnets. We will finish on Monday, and they will get to take their door models home.

## Photos from This Week:



## Important Dates

- Dec. 6-9: Parent-Teacher Conferences (Early Dismissal Days)
- Dec. 14: Holiday Shop (our class's shopping day!)
- Dec. 23: Early Dismissal