

# Weekly Update

## Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

### This Week in 3rd Grade

This week, we had special guest reader visits from both Mr. Lockett and Mrs. Switkes! We had our first visit to the library and students checked out books. We will visit the library on **Day 4** each week (however, due to the picture day schedule, we will be switching and going on Day 5 next week). We also practiced our first lockdown drill, which students did a fantastic job with. Here's what else we've been up to...

### Reading

This week, we explored the goals for our first unit, and students set their own personal reading goals. We also started our first class novel - Dragonbreath. It is a graphic novel that I am reading aloud to the class and modeling strategies that students will practice independently with their own books. Students practiced two strategies this week: visualizing and predicting. We also increased our stamina and the students are now reading for 20 minutes straight!

### Writing

This week, we also explored the first writing unit goals, and students set personal writing goals. We started brainstorming ideas for possible topics to write Personal Narratives about by thinking of important people, places, and things in our lives that sparked memories. Next week, students will choose one of their ideas to begin the writing process with in their notebooks.

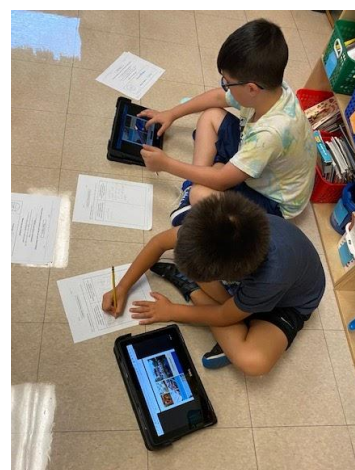
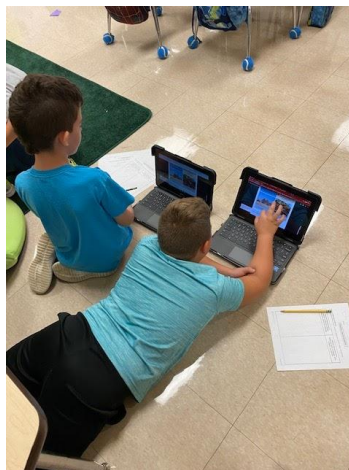
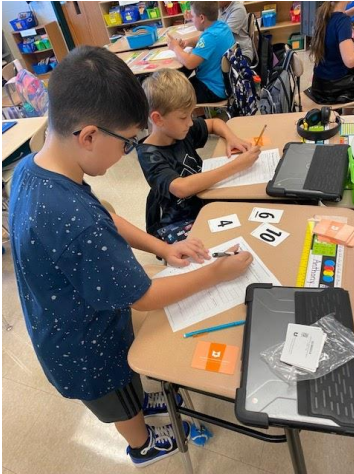
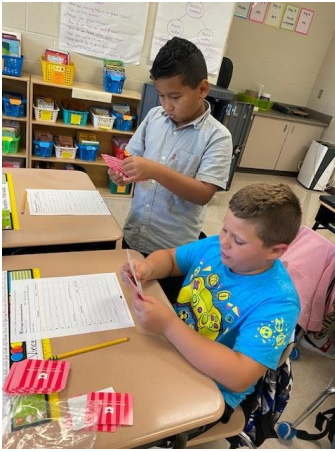
### Math

In math, we explored patterns with subtraction facts and color-coded another chart with types of facts. Students took their first Checkpoint Assessment, which is coming home today so you can see how they did. We are about halfway through our first unit. Students also learned a few more games this week and participated in Work Places today. Ask your child which Work Place games they chose to visit, and how it works! :)

### Social Studies

This week, students had to use clues with hemispheres, continents, and cardinal directions to locate a country they would be researching. Then, pairs worked together to look at maps and photos of their assigned countries to identify physical and human characteristics. We then looked for connections between these, for example, "Because Nepal is mountainous, people use mules to transport goods." Then they used the information gathered to create a Travel Plan for their country.

## Photos from This Week:



## Important Dates

- Sept. 26th: NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 28th: Picture Day!
- Sept. 29th: Back to School Night (early dismissal)  
**3rd Grade 6:00-6:30 pm**
- October 5th: NO SCHOOL