

Weekly Update

Mrs. Kohlhepp's 3rd Grade Class

This Week in 3rd Grade

First, I want to THANK YOU for coming to Back to School Night last evening! It was so nice to get to meet so many of you and share all about what we do in our classroom each day. If you were not able to come, no worries. Your child will be bringing home their letter that they wrote to you today, and I have shared my slideshow on my webpage for you to view. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me and I will get back to you ASAP. Here's what else we've been up to...

Reading

This week students took the MAP reading test to show their current abilities in reading. They will take this test two more times this year to demonstrate their growth. We also continued reading *Dragonbreath* and tried writing "I wonder" statements in our notebooks. Students are continuing to practice reading 20 minutes each day.

Writing

This week, we started planning our first personal narrative writing by using a template of boxes labeled First, Next, Then, After that, In the end. They wrote out the steps of their story in the boxes and then added details to each part. Today, we started exploring ways to write leads (or beginnings) to our stories. Our first strategy was using our 5 senses to describe the setting. Next week, we will explore some more ways to write leads and actually begin drafting.

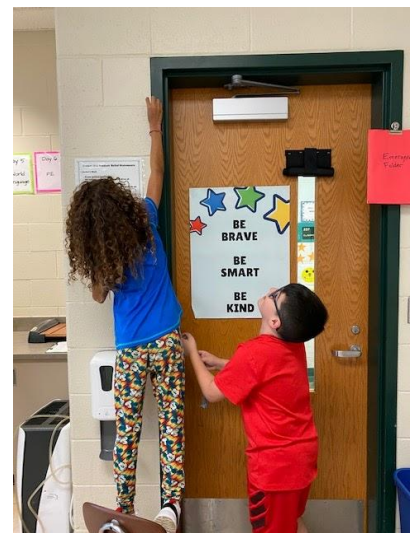
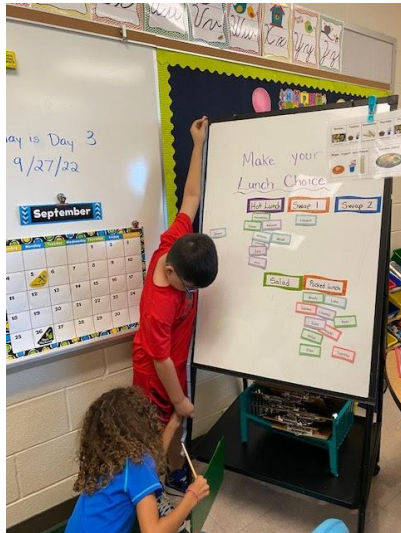
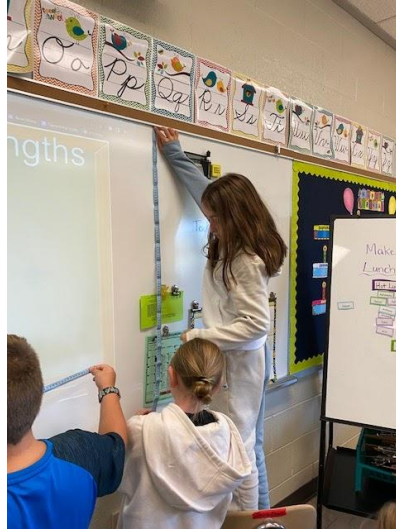
Math

In math, students went on a scavenger hunt around the classroom to find objects that fit certain measurements, in centimeters. Then we shared what we found and marked the measurements on a number line, and looked at how to add lengths when putting objects end to end. At the end of our week, students participated in a Math Forum where a few students had the opportunity to share their strategies in solving a few adding length problems. We learned from each other by seeing all different strategies! Students also took the Math MAP test this week.

Social Studies

This week, we learned about economic interdependence. We looked at several objects that we use or eat here in the USA, but examined the labels to find out where they originally came from. These countries were marked on our world map, and we could see that we use items from all over the world! Students learned about importing and exporting, trade, and specialization. Next, we will see how raw materials are used to produce goods.

Photos from This Week:



Important Dates

- October 5th: NO SCHOOL
- October 18th: Early Dismissal