

NEWS FROM 3SZ

News

Reading Workshop

In Reading Workshop the third graders began new unit of study on mysteries! This unit gives them the chance to practice the skills we worked on in the last unit in a "disguised way". They are working on enhancing their predictions with reasons. We've talked about using everything we know about characters and the story to help make strong, thoughtful predictions. They are very engaged in our read aloud, The Absent Author and are on "high-alert" being suspicious of all new characters and collecting clues!

Writing Workshop

The third graders also began a new unit of writing. They are writing informational books about topics on which they are experts! We have experts in our room on cats, pugs, dance, drawing, gymnastics, football, soccer, and more! The students are

trying out different ways to organize their knowledge, elaborate on ideas, and identify the difference between facts, data, anecdote, observation, and description. They are off to a great start!

Math

Over the past two weeks we have been exploring the collection and representation of data through the use of bar graphs, pictographs, and line plots. The students have worked to describe and compare categorical and numerical data. They even had the opportunity to survey different Willard classrooms on various topics and then analyze the responses as part of their investigation.

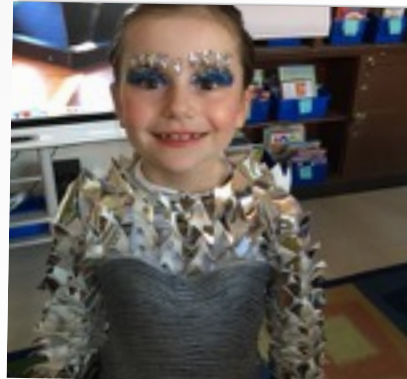
Social Studies

In Social Studies students continue to learn about communities, maps, and landforms in the United States. They have been researching and

mapping landforms across the country and learning about natural, renewable and non-renewable resources.

Second Step

The third graders are currently involved in a unit on empathy. We have discussed empathy is feeling or understanding of how someone else is feeling. This week we discussed how finding common ground with another person can help you accept that person's differences. We discussed how accepting differences shows respect and can lead the way to that acceptance.



Announcements and Dates

*Student-Led Conferences are next week Wednesday and Thursday, the 7th and 8th. We look forward to meeting with you to share growth and set goals!

*There is **no school** on **Thursday and Friday November 8th and 9th.**

*There is **no school** November 21, 22 and 23 for the Thanksgiving holiday.

EVERY LEAF SPEAKS BLISS TO ME/
FLUTTERING FROM THE AUTUMN TREE.
EMILY BRONTE

*Thanks to all of our room parents for throwing a great party on Halloween and helping us get into costume before the parade!

QUICK TIP

Reading

We've had lots of conversations this week about what to do when you get to a tricky part in your book.

Rereading is like a SUPER strategy to use when you feel confused or just "huh?"

But just rereading doesn't always help. It's important to give yourself a purpose for reading

First think:
Why am I rereading this part?
Be sure that your purpose is clear.

Other ideas when arriving at a tricky part:

- talk to a friend about that part
- use symbols or a colored code to keep track of each character
- jot own clues and sort them later
- keep reading forward, and then go back and reread for clues

