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# Third Grade Newsletter

## What Are We Doing Next Week?

**Reading:** We will be reading the first story in our books called A Fine, Fine School. Our skill lesson this week will be describing character traits in a story based on actions, feelings, and motivations by the character. We will begin to discuss how to infer ideas that the author is trying to convey based on the plot of the text.

**English:** The students will be working on identifying sentences from fragments. We will be working to identify the subjects and predicates in a sentence and how to use this to begin to write complete sentences.

**Math:** We will be reviewing basic addition and subtraction problems. We will also be reviewing place value and ordering and comparing numbers. We will be working up to the thousands place value next week. Students may use Moby Max to work on their facts at home. They will have their username and password in their planners so that they can work on this if they have some time at home to do so. The website is [www.mobymax.com](http://www.mobymax.com).

**Science:** We will begin Chapter 1 about balancing forces. Our Science curriculum is brand new this year and we have many exciting activities to lead us into a deep thinking and understanding of 5 concepts throughout the year. Each unit will take a few weeks and we will be assessing in many different ways through the lessons. At the end of the unit will be an overall test that covers each chapter in the "Balancing Forces" curriculum.

**Social Studies:** We are going to jump start our first class on Tuesday, learning about communities. We will identify what a community is and how geography plays a role in our community. We will be using Google Earth to show our tiny place in the big world.

\*Your child will bring his/her planner home daily starting next week. They will write assignments and any reminders needed each day. They are to get a parent/guardian signature every evening so that communication is kept between school and home. I will check planners every morning and students will be able to earn incentives upon getting 10 points (1 per day) by getting their planner filled out and signed. If your child forgets to bring their planner home some evening (and they all will do this at some point!), please reach out to a friend who may be able to communicate the assignments for the evening.

\*\*I have created a site on [www.portaportal.com](http://www.portaportal.com). Students may log in as a guest at home with 'mandbat' used as the access password. This website is linked to many sites that we will use all year long. However, I ask that students only work on the sites that are assigned in class as

there are sites that I would rather they not work on until we are covering that concept at school. They will know what sites are available as we work on it at school.

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Avenue City  
Elementary

Back to School With Mrs.  
Scott

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### Spelling Words for the week of August 28th

The word wall words will be high-frequency words that the students will be expected to spell correctly in all of their writing for the rest of the year. All of these words will be posted on our word wall for the entire year.

- could
- have
- said

© The second part of our word wall includes pattern and same-sound words. This will include 2-4 patterns and sounds each week and the students will be expected to spell between 15 and 20 words each week for a spelling test. However, as patterns go, there may actually be many more words that follow the same pattern, but students will only be tested on 15 to 20 of them. We will do many activities each week to practice these patterns so that there will not be any surprise words on the test.

## Dates to Keep in Mind...

- Please return all forms to be signed by the parent to school next week. Also, please sign up for Class DoJo if you have not already done so. I post newsletters, notes, pictures, and messages on this platform. It is a quick and easy communication tool between school and home. Thank you!

## Word Wall words for next week

win  
stick  
plan  
miss  
thing  
grand  
stamp  
list  
land  
trip  
stand  
act  
last  
lift

band  
swim  
sand  
dancer  
magnet  
grasp  
whiskers  
packet  
brick  
slim  
skill  
Challenge word: gadget

\*Our first test will be a practice test next Friday as we will use Spelling City to take the test each week.

The spelling test next week will consist of the three high frequency words listed as well as ten to fifteen words that follow the same letter patterns. The students will be given visuals and activities of all of these words throughout the week, however, they will not know which words will be on the test until the actual test begins. If you have questions about any of this, please feel free to contact me. This is also discussed in the handbook.

