

Third Grade Monthly Newsletter

April/May 2019

8th Edition

Dates to Remember
May 15 & 16- Reading SOL
May 19- Oakridge Spring Fling
May 27- Memorial Day, No school
May 29 & 30- Math SOL

What We Are Learning

Reading – We finished our character study unit and dived into our research unit! Students are working on research strategies in their research clubs. Each club has finished reading/learning about one animal and have moved onto a second animal. Students are learning how to take notes to match a text's structure and how to synthesize information from various resources.(SOLs 3.6a-j; 3.10a-f)

Writing – We finished writing an adapted fairy tale of our choice. We discussed how to adapt the story by changing the characters, the events, or the motivation of the characters. We grew our story-telling abilities by considering our craft as authors. We learned how to edit and revise our work to make it even better. (SOLs 3.8 b,e,h)

Social Studies- We learned about the geography and development of ancient Greece, Rome and Mali. (SOL 3.1a-f, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5a-c, 3.7, 3.8, 3.9)

Math- We have started our unit on Measurement, Time and Temperature. (S.O.L. 3.7a, 3.8, 3.9a) Students started by determining the perimeter and surface area of shapes. We will move into liquid measurements, using tools to monitor temperature, and the measurement of time.

Science – We are wrapping up our unit on matter. Students learned that matter has properties that can be observed, described, and measured. Students engaged in activities that explored physical properties of matter, such as mass, volume, and temperature. Students also explored the states of matter. We finished the unit with the investigation of physical and chemical change of matter. This month students will also investigate and understand the basic patterns and cycles occurring in nature and the different sources of energy.

A Sneak Preview

- ★ **Reading**- Review, SOL testing & Reader's Theater
- ★ **Writing**- Persuasive writing & cursive
- ★ **Social Studies**- Alternative assessment: Create Your Own Civilization
- ★ **Math**- SOL testing
- ★ **Science**- Importance of soil(SOL 3.7), and the water cycle (SOL 3.9)

Resources:

PTA Website:

<https://oakridge.apsva.us/pta/family-websites/>

Math:

<https://play.dreambox.com/login/bqt4/6d9r>

Reading: <https://www.mackinvia.com/>

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