

The Weekly Review

January 27, 2012

We have had a really busy week in 3G. I moved everyone out of groups and back into rows, and after some minor adjustments I think everyone is in a good place. A few of the students seem to be testing me to see if my rules still apply now that I am back. They are finding out that I expect even better behavior as they are getting closer and closer to becoming 4th graders. The first weekly homework packet seems to have gone well. Everyone except two students had them turned in on time. Some kids are working on them when they are done with work. I think that is a great plan and good preparation for next year.

Reading: We finished Dogzilla and started a new story in the middle of the week. This one is about a giant and how he uses an onion to save a town from being destroyed. Your child will be bringing it home to read to you next week. I listened to them read it this week and was really impressed with what I heard. Many of the students switched to a new VIP reading teacher this week. The majority of 3G students are going to Mrs. Pierce and she is working out of the 3rd grade ISAT reading coach book with them. A few of the students are going to other teachers for continued small group reading instruction. I am continuing to work with 5th graders during this time.

Math: We continued to work on geometry and they are doing a fantastic job. They really enjoyed making 2D and 3D shapes out of marshmallows and toothpicks. I hope they made them home in one piece for you to see. Now we are working on different kinds of lines – intersecting, parallel, etc. and next week we will be learning about angles – right angles, acute angles, and obtuse angles. We are also going to start working out of an ISAT math practice book as testing is about 6 weeks away.

Social Studies and Science: I am trying to work on social studies and science a few times each week. I ended up deciding to do a science unit about rocks, soil, and water. You will see T-notes coming home next week. In SS they have been reading about the Anasazi Indians. Next week they will try their hand at making a clay pot as the women did back then.

English: I am not sure what happened but a number of the students did poorly on the last vocabulary test. They need to be studying these words just as they do spelling words. The good news is that they continue to do great on the DLR quizzes.

Important Dates:

Fri. Feb. 3- Spelling and Vocab test
Fri. Feb. 3 – Weekly packet due
Tues. Feb. 14 – Valentine Party