

January 2021 Newsletter

3rd Grade - Room 15



Dear Caregivers of Magnificent Minds,

Important Dates: January 6th - No School (Teacher Professional Development), January 18th - No School (Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday)

Reading:

We will continue to use text evidence, main idea and details, cause and effect, and text features.

Our reading focus will be on non-fiction texts in preparation for the early Spring MCAS test. At this point the students will be required to complete an abbreviated version of the MCAS. The test will be used to determine the academic status of our students. It will help educators pinpoint best practices for remote learning.

We will continually review such skills as - using text evidence to answer text dependent questions, retelling using only key details, characters traits and feelings, point of view, and context clues.

Writing:

We will be completing our personal narrative unit of our Being a Writer program. We will also begin our fiction unit. In this unit we will learn about the important components of a fiction writing piece which include character, setting, and plot. We will also be taking a piece of writing through the entire writing process. The language skills we will be focusing on include possessive pronouns and noun - pronoun agreement.

Math:

We will be completing unit 2 and beginning Unit 3 of our Ready Classroom Mathematics program. Unit 3 will focus on the understanding of area. We will learn strategies to find the area of a shape by using length times width. In addition, we will continue to use multiplication and division facts to solve real world problems.

Social Studies:

We will explore who the Pilgrims were and why they left Europe. We'll be able to describe their journey to the New World. We will also study the government in the early years in the Plymouth Colony. In addition, we will analyze the Pilgrim's relationship with the Native American people such as the Wampanoag and Abenaki.

Science:

We will continue our unit on heredity where we will discuss the inheritance and variation of traits. We will learn about the traits passed on from parent to offspring and how environmental factors might influence these traits. In addition, we will learn about the life cycle for various organisms.

Other Information:

- Please contact us at fowlkesr@springfieldpublicschools.com or scarlettg@springfieldpublicschools.com if you have any questions or concerns.
- Be blessed and stay safe,
- Ms. Fowlkes & Ms. Scarlett

