



December 2010

Third graders have been doing hands-on activities in science that involve metric length, weight, temperature and mass. Students are working in groups with rotating responsibilities. The students have been enjoying these activities. This science unit will be completed by winter break.

We have been working with the various types of graphs (tally charts, pictographs, line plots, bar graphs, and line graphs). We will be working on multiplication. Students will be using repeated addition e.g., $3+3+3+3=12$ ($4 \times 3=12$) to learn their multiplication facts. We will be practicing the multiplication facts 0, 1, 2, 5, 9, and 10. It would help your child to work on these multiplication facts at home. Attached are websites that you may go to with your child to practice.

The students are working on singular and plural possessive nouns. We will be working on combining nouns in sentences and action verbs in grammar.

Our Christmas Party will be December 22 starting at 2:30. A room parent will contact you for needed party items. An *optional* gift exchange will be a \$3.00 girl or boy gift that is wrapped. Boys give to boys and girls give to girls. Gifts should be age-appropriate and not be purchased for a specific child as the gifts will be given randomly. Please call if you have any questions.

We request no teacher gifts. You may give to your favorite charity in our name or bring a canned food item that we will take to the local food pantry.

Please ask your child if they are in need of any necessary school supplies (pencils, erasers, red marking pens, etc.). Some students are coming to school without their supplies.

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