

Third Grade News

September 15, 2016

Number One



Upcoming Events:

Fri., Sept. 16, 1-3: Start making model tipis.

Tues. Sept. 20: Picture Day: Make sure to return your order form to school!

Wed. Sept. 21: 3-5 Parent Dinner at the Dornin Science Barn

Fri. Sept. 23, 1-3 Finish tipis.

Wed. Sept. 28: Apple Gleaning Field Trip

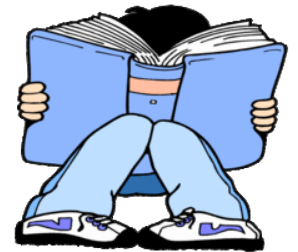
Sat. Oct. 1: Hill School Country Fair

Thurs. Oct 6: Back to School Night

Fri. Oct 7: All-Day Indian Projects with Michael Sottosanti

Reading Homework

At Hill, we believe that reading is the most important homework! We expect children to read at home daily, and keep track on the Reading Log. Please talk with your child about what they have read, and initial the log each day.



We recognize that many children are tired at the end of our long school day. During these early weeks of school, read-alouds and shared reading (taking turns, sentence by sentence or paragraph by paragraph with an adult) can be part of this homework.

It is important that when they are reading independently—or sharing a book—, the children read books within their range of fluency. A good rule of thumb is that fluent readers will read about 20-25 pages in half an hour when the book is a good fit.

When your children finishes a book, s/he should take an Accelerated Reader quiz. They may take a quiz at home or at school. To access the site, go to the Hill School webpage and click on the Arundel Family Library links. Choose *AR Quiz*. Here is your child's log in:

Username: _____

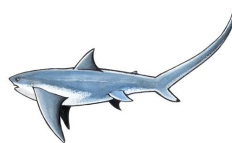
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We are discussing AR reading levels with each child, and helping them to master the skill of choosing appropriate books. We will discuss this with parents further at Back to School Night on October 6th and at Parent Conferences later in October.

Reading each day is essential! If evenings are busy, some children choose to read in the car, or in the morning.

Animal Writing Project

This week each of the children chose an animal to research. After learning about the unique traits and lives of the animals, they will choose to write a few pieces, experimenting with different writing genres such as poetry, informational, and narrative non-fiction.



Computer Login Information

We use the typing program *Keyboarding without Tears*. Here is a link to bookmark:
http://program.kwtears.com/?HOME_USE_TOKEN

Username: _____

Secret Code: _____

As part of our word study program, we use Spelling City. www.spellingcity.com

Username: _____

Password: _____

Strings Groups and the 3-4 PM Schedule are attached!

Third Grade Schedule from 3 to 4

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
First Block (3:05-3:30)	First Block (3:05-3:30)	First Block (3:05-3:30)
Violin lesson Viola practice Spanish	Viola Lesson Cello Practice Spanish	Violin Practice Cello Lesson Spanish
Second Block (3:30-3:55)	Second Block (3:30-3:55)	Second Block (3:30-3:55)
Strings Ensemble Strings Ensemble Computer	Strings Ensemble Strings Ensemble Computer	Strings Ensemble Strings Ensemble Computer

Strings Groups

Violin	Cello	Viola
Aqua	Green	Red
Ben Caroline Gavin Lilly Winnie	Grace Henry Landon Mae Mei Molly	Allison Calum Hunter Jaelyn Jake