

Third Grade News

January 16, 2014

Number Fourteen

Upcoming Events:

Fri. Jan. 17: 11:50 dismissal for Ski Club
Wed. Jan. 22: Field trip to the Frontier Culture Museum in Staunton, VA, depart at 8:30, return by 5 PM
Thurs. Jan. 23: Academy Awards of Books assembly
Thurs. Feb. 6: 3rd Grade Strings will perform at All-School Assembly

Of iPads and Kindles and DSIs

On our longer field trips, such as the one next week to the Frontier Culture Museum, children may bring hand-held electronic entertainment. Please discuss with your child how to care for any device that s/he brings.

With two children to a seat, both eating and drinking, playing and switching activities, the possibility of damaging expensive electronics is very real. As we walk down the aisle to distribute snacks, we find ourselves stopping to ask children to pick up devices that lie on the floor.

We rely on parents to make sure that their children have permission to bring such devices along, and that the games, music, and other content are appropriate for 3rd graders. Each child must be held responsible for what they bring.

Some children are reading on tablets, as well. Please make sure they have access to material at their appropriate reading levels, and know how to care for their tablets.

We appreciate your help!



Frontier Culture Museum



Wednesday we head to Staunton, VA to visit the Frontier Culture Museum. This is an outdoor museum where we walk

from house to house, learning about what life was like in the countries from which our ancestors emigrated. We see houses that were imported from England, Germany, and Ireland, as well as replicas of a Nigerian house and a native American shelter. Also at the museum are a couple of homesteader houses, to show the types of homes that the settlers built when they arrived in America.

Please make sure to help your child pack well for this trip!

- A bag of entertainment for the bus: books, puzzle books, madlibs, drawing materials; iPods and hand-held games are permitted; no movies; only G-rated games
- A large, healthy lunch with beverages in plastic bottles
- Layers of clothing, hat, mittens. It may be very chilly, even indoors

Chaperones should pack lunches and bring warm clothing, too!

Thinking About Williamsburg

As we look forward to the spring, we are beginning to think about our overnight trip to Williamsburg. We hope that all of the children are having practice sleepovers with friends.

Please look for an email over the next few days that will explain how we choose chaperones for Williamsburg. We want to ensure that everyone feels comfortable and secure!