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Third Grade News

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Third grade has been doing some wonderful things over the past few weeks. Here is what we have been up to:

SPELLING- The students have been working very hard on their spelling skills. We have been working on words that are spelled with 'or' and words spelled with 'er'. The students have done very well with these words and are able to recognize the way these letters sound when they are put together.

READING- We have been very engaged in our novel, Frederick Douglass. The students have been learning about what life was like for people who

were slaves. They are very interested in the story and we have had some great class discussions. They have also done very well on the packets that go along with each chapter. We are learning how to write extended responses and what makes a good extended response. We are also learning about prefixes and suffixes. We will be finishing this novel and creating posters that show what we have learned.

OTHER IMPORTANT NEWS

SOCIAL STUDIES- We have been working very hard on our Jamestown unit. The students have learned about the location and geography of Jamestown. They have also learned about the valuable natural resources that the colonists used when they settled in Jamestown. They have also started an internet research project. The students have been given a topic and they must research it. When all of the research is complete, we will be making a Jamestown newspaper. The students seem to enjoy learning about the colonists and the Powhatan.

HEALTH- We have just completed our unit on bones. The students enjoyed learning about bones and looking at x-rays. Our next unit is on germs and how to stay healthy.



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MATH- Over the past weeks, we have been working with place value. We reviewed the value of numbers and how to use a place value chart. We have also practiced reading large numbers. In class, we have used number cubes to help us compare and order numbers. We will be reviewing how to round to different place values. We have also started learning our multiplication facts. These should be practiced at home as much as possible.

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LANGUAGE ARTS- We have been working very hard on our expository writing. We have finished our class essay on an important person and we have started typing them. We have also started our next essay. The students have created a monster out of a heart. The students will be writing an expository essay explaining some of the characteristics of their creation. We have also been working on using graphic organizers in class. This will help the students organize their thoughts and create wonderful essays.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOUR CHILD

- Why did the colonists settle in Jamestown?
 - Why did Frederick want to go to New York?
- Ask them to tell you about comparing numbers. For practice, give them three or four numbers and have them put them in order from least to greatest or greatest to least.

