

THIRD GRADE NEWS



Dear Families,

We did it- a snowy, chilly Halloween. The students looks amazing in their costumes. Thank you to the parents that helped plan a great afternoon in our classroom. Students enjoyed some Halloween crafts and games.

In Math, we have been gathering data, choosing categories, comparing groups of data, and using line plots to represent our data. We measured and compared the length of our feet, and the distance traveled in a standing long jump. Let's just say it got a little loud in our room, when we measured how far we could jump. The students read and interpreted data as well!

We have begun our mystery unit. The children are reading mysteries, keeping track of clues, wondering about suspects, noting points of confusion, and discussing their thinking with partners. In addition to this, the children are working on fluency, monitoring for sense, retelling, envisioning, and predicting. The students have enjoyed our mystery read aloud ([The Absent Author](#)). We have started another read aloud associated with the genre.

The children are working on persuasive writing, learning to look for things that need to be changed, noteworthy people that should be highlighted, and how to write bold thesis statements. This is a popular unit because the children love to express their own opinions.

Mrs. Clasky is introducing the Global Voice Video. The main goal of the festival is to empower **student voice** and **agency**. The purpose of this festival is give students around the globe a chance and platform to share their perspectives with the world and embody the mindset that they don't have to wait until they grow up to make a difference – their ideas can impact people now. The theme for this year is "Come Together". This will go along well with our SEL lessons. Our current focus on our SEL lessons are on the theme of kindness. Kudos to our teachers of the week- Lily and Nathan. Lily amazed our class with facts about rock climbing. Nathan soared beyond our expectations, preparing for us, a lesson on airplanes.

In Science, some students were lucky enough to have flowers this week. They are growing quickly. Students will do a bee's job of pollinating their flowers. We completed a study about bees by investigating dead bees (a smelly experience) and learning the parts of a flower. The children have an understanding on how both flowers and bees depend on one another.

I look forward to sharing your son/daughter's progress with you at parent-teacher conferences on Nov. 6h and 7th. It is not too late to sign up. Please reach out to me if you need a different time.

FALL CONFERENCE SCHEDULE		
Wednesday, Nov. 6	Kindergarten Conferences	8:30 AM-7:00 PM
Wednesday, Nov 6	1st-4th Grade Conferences	3:40 PM-7:00 PM
Thursday, Nov 7	K-4- Team Meetings	8:30-11:30
Thursday, Nov. 7	K-4- Conferences	12:40 PM-7:00 PM
Friday, Nov 8	No School	No School

Veterans Day Recognition Ceremony - Over the past five years, our Veterans Day recognition ceremony has continued to grow! This year, we are preparing yet another moving celebration to honor the Veterans of our community and families. Therefore, please see the attached flyer regarding this year's assembly scheduled for **Monday, November 11 at 9:00am** in the Lincoln School Gym. Finally, don't forget to send in as many Veteran's Day Hero Forms that you may have to be displayed in our "Hall of Honor!"

Have a great weekend! Happy November!

Sincerely,

Ms. Ponzio