

THIRD GRADE TRACK 3 WEEKLY NEWS

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What have we been learning? #beingstrategic

We've had a fantastic week fourteen! Here are some highlights in each subject area:

Reading: This week we switched gears and began exploring an informational text related to frogs. We learned all about using **text features** to help us locate information. We also practiced explicitly referring back to the text to determine the gist and meaning of unfamiliar vocabulary. *Ask your child to share an example of a text feature they used this week (table of contents, bold faced word, sub-heading, photograph, caption, glossary, index).

Writing: This week we used the information we gained about amphibians to write an **informational paragraph** with a topic sentence and supporting details. *Ask your child to share a detail about why polliwogs wiggle.

Math: This week we practiced **determining unknowns** in multiplication and division equations. Be sure to practice fact fluency at home! *Ask your child to share about our work with white boards.

Science & Social Studies: This week we continued exploring earth, moon, and sun systems with Ms. Ferneyhough. We learned all about constellations and shadows. *Ask your child to share their favorite constellation.







Information about the upcoming Spelling Bee went home on Monday. Please begin practicing words with your child at home. Our class Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, 12/19. That person will represent our school on Friday, 1/12.

200 chompliments

We earned our 200th class CHOMPliment today! Next week we'll vote on our class reward.

Upcoming Events: #fittingtogether

- © Friday, 12/1: Second quarter interims home
- © Tuesday, 12/19: Class Spelling Bee
- © Thursday, 12/21: Early Release
- © Friday, 12/22—Monday, 1/1: Winter Break
- © Friday, 1/5: Second quarter report cards home
- © Friday, 1/12: Readvolution ends
- © Monday, 1/15: Holiday—no school
- © Friday, 1/19: Track out day
- © Monday, 2/12: Track back in

Specials Next Week:

Group A: Engineering, Technology, Music, Art, Guidance

Group B: Guidance, Enrichment, Engineering, Technology, Music

Important Information from Sycamore Creek

*Houston Book Order: The third graders at Sycamore ordered over 100 books/book sets to send to Houston! They have already arrived at an elementary school that is currently being housed at a different school due to the destruction their school suffered as a result of the hurricane. THANK YOU for all your support!

***Second Quarter Interims**: Your child's second quarter interim is coming home in their Data Binder today. Please take a look at it, and items in their data binder. Let me know if you have any questions.

***Readvolution:** In recognition of the **20**th Anniversary of the Carolina Hurricanes and the Wake County Public School Systems Strategic Plan of Vision 20**20**, WCPSS and the Carolina Hurricanes are teaming up to bring **Readvolution** to all of our elementary schools. This partnership will support a community-wide literacy campaign around daily reading outside of school. The goal of this campaign is to highlight the importance of reading in creating college, career ready graduates. We will kick off this event in schools starting October 2nd and an end date of January 12th. **Please log your child's books each day, and let me know if you have any questions.**