

THIRD GRADE TRACK 3 WEEKLY NEWS

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What have we been learning? #beingstrategic

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

Reading: This week we continued 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 something they learned about Amazon Horned Frogs!

Writing: This week we used the information we gained about amphibians and reptiles to write an informational paragraph with a topic sentence and supporting details. *Ask your child to share a detail about how reptiles and amphibians use bright colors to protect themselves.

Math: This week we explored properties of

multiplication (commutative, associative, distributive, identity, zero). Be sure to practice fact fluency at home! *Ask your child to share about the properties song we used to remember what each property means.

Science & Social Studies: This week we wrapped up our exploration of earth, moon, and sun systems with Ms. Ferneyhough. We also began learning more about the five themes of geography with Ms. Hazelgrove. *Ask your child to share one of the five themes.

Reminders & Notes #aligning



<u>Class</u> <u>spelling Bee</u>

Our class Spelling Bee will be held on Tuesday, 12/19. That person will represent our school on Friday, 1/12.

200 chompliments

We voted to have 'Sleepover Day' for our 200 CHOMPliments. Students will be able to wear their PJs and bring a stuffed animal. We'll also have a special snack.

Heip! we need...

*Tissues, SMART pills (Skittles), Rolls of paper towels, wrapped candy for candy jar

Upcoming Events: #fittingtogether

- © Tuesday, 12/19: Class Spelling Bee
- © Wednesday, 12/20: 200 CHOMPliments Reward
- © 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 3 Winter Celebration 9—10:30; track out day
- © Saturday, 2/10: Science Expo 10—12
- © Monday, 2/12: Track back in

Specials Next Week:

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

Group B: Art, PE, Guidance, Enrichment, Engineering

Important Information from Sycamore Creek

***SCES Science Expo**: Science Expo registration is officially open! It is Saturday, February 10 from 10 AM—12PM. Please visit scienceatsycamore.weebly.com to register!

***SCES Community Outreach Cookie Drive:** As part of Community Outreach, SCES has an annual cookie drive that is distributed to local firefighters, police officers, medical staff at Wake Med Brier Creek, and other local community safety locations. On December 21, we'll be collecting cookies (store bought and homemade) during morning drop off and throughout the day (up through early release at 12:30). Contact Sherry Oliver with questions (soliversces@gmail.com)

***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.