# THIRD GRADE TRACK 3 WEEKLY NEWS 

Edition: 3

# What have we been learning? \#beingstrategic 

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

Reading: This week we explored Nasreen's Secret School, and examined how the main characters overcame challenges. We worked on identifying the 'gist' (what the story was mostly about) and determining the lesson/message/moral. We also continued our work with prefixes, suffixes, and root words, and how we can use these things to determine the meaning of unknown words. *Ask your child to share their thoughts about Nasreen's Secret School.
Writing: This week we practiced expressing our thoughts and ideas about what we read using independent reading prompts. *Ask your child to share how they would have felt if they were Nasreen in Nasreen's Secret School.
Math: This week we explored rounding numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. *Ask your child to share the difference between an exact number and an estimate.
Science \& Social Studies: This week we explored branches of government in SS and human body systems in Science. *Ask your child if their group did Science or Social Studies, and something they enjoyed!

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## MCLASS

Beginning of the year mCLASS individual oral reading fluency and text reading comprehension began this week, and will wrap up after track out on 8/25.

## Third Grade Explorers \& AIG meeting

Information session about Explorers and AIG is $8 / 15$ at 5:30 in the Media Center.

## BOX TOPS

The SCES PTA is collecting Box Tops for Education again this year. This is a big fundraiser for us--we
collect \$3000-4000 each year just from Box Tops. Be sure to save them and send in!

## Upcoming Events: \#fittingtogether

© Monday, 8/21: Track back in + Eclipse Fun!
© Friday, 8/25: Track 3 Go, Play, Save Books due
© Tuesday, 8/29: Fall Pictures
() Wednesday, 8/30: Student Council Applications Due
© Friday, 9/1: First Quarter Interims home
() Monday, 9/4: Labor Day Holiday
(;) Friday, 9/29: End of 1st Quarter \& Early Release
() Friday, 10/6: Report Cards Home
© Friday, 10/20: Early Release, Track Out Day, \& PTA Movie Night

Specials Next Week:
Specials will be emailed closer to track in!


## Important Information from SCES

*Student Council: More information is being emailed with today's newsletter. Student Council is an opportunity for 3rd, 4th and 5th graders at Sycamore Creek to take an active role in school-wide programs and service projects. Student Council members will meet for monthly meetings before school. Additional meetings are scheduled as needed. While representing Sycamore Creek, these student leaders will gain responsibility and will demonstrate pride in our school community. TRACKS 3, \& 4: Applications are due to classroom teachers by Wednesday, August 30. Elections will be held on Thursday, August 31.
*Volunteer Registration: If you would like to volunteer inside the classroom, or go on field trips with us, please be sure to register to be a volunteer. Remember this needs to be done every year. Stop by the media center to complete this as soon as possible

* Girls on the Run: Registration has already opened! You may register at https://www.gotrtriangle.org. If you have any additional questions please direct them to Mary Beth Gruenewald, our site coordinator, at mgrunewald@wcpss.net.

