

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Monthly Newsletter September 2023



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## Upcoming Events

Tuesday, Sept. 12 – Picture Day  
Friday, Sept. 16 – 2 hr. early dismissal (midterm)  
Tuesday Sept. 19 – Field Trip to the Great Frederick Fair  
Friday, Sept. 22 – 3.5 hr. early dismissal (Mid-Term and Fair Day)  
Monday, Sept. 25 – No School, Yom Kippur

## CURRICULUM UPDATES

### ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

**Reading:** This month we are reading different types of literature in the first two modules of our curriculum. We will explore the themes of individuality, fear and expressing ourselves through reading realistic fiction and fantasy books. Students will focus on building their vocabulary to write and speak about the stories. Our classes will use point of view, literary elements and types of language to deepen their understanding of a text. (Click these links for information about our units and how you can support your child at home [Module 1](#) and [Module 2](#))

**Writing:** Students will learn strategies to write strong sentences and organize their paragraphs when writing personal narratives. We will learn to respond to what we read by learning to unlock a writing prompt and incorporate text evidence to support our answer.

## **MATH**

Students will apply their place value knowledge to round numbers, which enables them to make estimates and decide if their calculations are reasonable. We will learn to apply different strategies to add and subtract three digit numbers within 1,000. Students will break apart numbers, model with base ten, use a number line to add on, and - when ready - be introduced to the standard algorithms for addition and subtraction. You can learn more about our work in the [Addition](#) and [Subtraction](#) family connection letters.

## **SCIENCE UPDATES**

Our Science unit is Life Cycles and Traits. This unit has students explore plant and animal life cycles and how plants and animals adapt to the environment. They will learn about the differences between inherited and acquired traits and the environmental influence on traits. They will also learn about how and why animals live in groups, the ecosystems where plants and animals live, and how changes in the environment affect the plants and animals.

## **PATHs UPDATES**

We are excited to continue our PATHS learning! As a class we will work on using self control when faced with problems. We will name and explore different feelings we all experience. We will continue to read and learn about perseverance.