



# Third Grade Newsletter

August 27, 2021

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## September Core Virtue:

**Responsibility** means doing your part for the groups that make us whole.

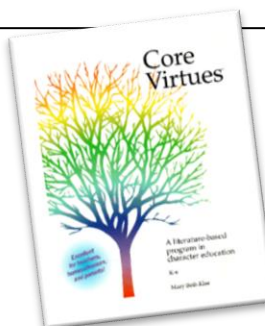
**Respect** is treating others with high regard.

## Core Knowledge Saying:

**"One rotten apple spoils the whole barrel."**

The literal meaning is that a bad apple or piece of fruit will eventually cause all the other pieces of fruit to spoil if it is left in the same container.

Figuratively, this saying means one badly behaving person can spoil others close to it. We use this to describe Mr. Toad in The Wind in the Willows.



- 8/31 Specials- NWEA testing
- 9/1 Reading quiz
- 9/3 Coding rotation
- 9/6 Labor Day- no school
- 9/7 No school

## What we are learning the week of: Aug. 30 – Sept. 3

### ELA

#### Reading:

- Ask and answer questions using text
- Using a glossary to help define new vocabulary
- Read poetry and learn **stanza**
- Poem Eletelephony

#### Writing:

- Writer's Workshop: Descriptive writing

#### Grammar:

- Quotation review
- Prefixes un-, re-
- Subject and predicate
- Linking verbs

### Math

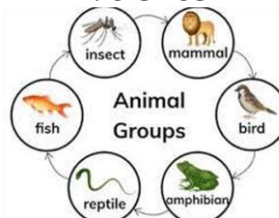
We are starting division! We introduce the basics this unit and will focus more in-depth on this math operation later this trimester.

Students will learn and practice two division strategies. These are: equal groups/sharing and repeated subtraction.

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Please continue to practice your multiplication and division facts at home!

### Science

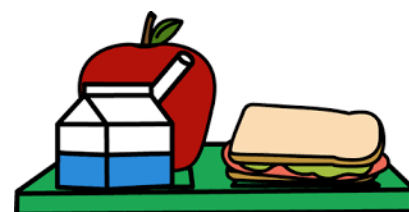


Animal Classification is our first unit of study in science! In this exciting unit, students will learn how to classify, or sort, animals by their characteristics.

This week we will focus on some big ideas:

- Cold-Blooded animals
- Warm-Blooded animals
- Vertebrates (animals with a backbone)

## DON'T FORGET!



**School lunch is FREE this year to all students. All you need to do is order each month by the deadline.**

**Core Knowledge is #1!**

We get it done with fun!!

Hands-on, Right on! Integrated Science, Social Studies, Math, and Language Arts!



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### NWEA

This week students will take NWEA, a computer-based assessment that is replacing Galileo. We look forward to sharing more information about your child's results during Parent Teacher Conferences.

Besides spelling our word list correctly, students are expected to be able to use the verb tenses correctly.



We will be covering these tenses in our Daily 5 centers, spelling practice, and morning work.

### Spelling

This week we will be reviewing how to add -ed and -ing to words. Students should learn to spell the root word and the word with both suffixes added.

1. smile, smiling, smiled
2. rake, raking, raked
3. file, filing, filed
4. vote, voting, voted
5. dine, dining, dined
6. quote, quoting, quoted
7. raise, raising, raised
8. tire, tiring, tired
9. translate, translating, translated
10. prepare, preparing, prepared

CHALLENGE: classification

Spelling Test: Friday,  
Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>

### DIVISION TIPS

This week students will practice **equal groups/sharing** and **repeated subtraction**.

- ❖ Give hands-on practice, such as dividing a basket of rolls evenly when out to dinner or opening a bag of M&Ms, counting to find the total and then dividing them evenly among siblings
- ❖ Connect repeated subtraction with repeated addition taught with multiplication
- ❖ Complete unfinished math page problems and return to school
- ❖ Use vocabulary: dividend, divisor, quotient

### HOMEWORK

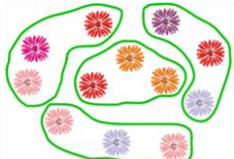

Please ensure your child has written their name on their homework and placed it in their Take Home folder before school each day.

In addition to nightly homework, your child is welcome to practice additional skills needed in third grade.

These include:

- Reading nightly
- Practicing multiplication and/or division facts
- Practicing spelling words
- Reviewing classwork or completing the remainder of problems on a worksheet or workbook page

## Homework

Monday 8/30	Tuesday 8/31	Wednesday 9/1	Thursday 9/2	Friday/ Saturday/ Sunday
Division as Sharing	Spelling Sentences	Reading fluency practice with poem <u>Eletelephony</u>	Division as Repeated Subtraction	Practice math facts- use your old Mad Dog math tests to make flashcards or take practice tests. Read for at least 20 minutes a day.
	Reading quiz on asking and answering questions tomorrow.		<b>SPELLING TEST tomorrow.</b>	