

Mrs. Reeb's and Mrs. Schneeberger's Turtle and Trout Newsletter October 14, 2016

Here's The Plan for Next Week:

<u>Reading</u>

Readers will read multiple informational texts. They will focus on distinguishing between facts and opinions. They will also spend time constructing written responses to texts, and learning test taking strategies.

Writing

Writers will continue their project on an endangered species. They will type their final copy on google documents. This week we began using a program called Typing Club to build keyboarding skills. We will continue to practice at school, and students are welcomed to login at home for extra practice. The website is perryele.typingclub.com. If your child does not remember his/her login information, please contact Mrs. Reeb or Mrs. Schneeberger.

Grammar and Spelling

Students will focus on correctly spelling irregular plural nouns. Our spelling words will focus on words with th, ph, wh, and sh.

Math Focus: Multiplication

- Chapter 3 Test
- I can model multiplication
- I can relate multiplication and addition
- I can use arrays to explore and model multiplication
- I can use arrays to multiply

Social Studies Focus: Michigan

- I can name the tribe that lived where I live now
- I name ways tribes touch our lives today

<u>Science</u>

We will continue exploring why plants and animals survive in different environments. We will focus specifically on ocean and desert environments.

Other News:

- Narrative Final Copy: This week writers worked very hard on finishing their final copy of their narrative true story and illustration. If they did not finish it during school, it is coming home today as homework. This is worth 100 points towards their writing grades, so it is very important that it is returned Monday.
- Every month, Perry Elementary celebrates students who have been here every day and on time. Mrs. Sulkowski's class won the traveling trophy with 64% of her class being here every day and on time. Congratulations goes out to the following students for being here every day and on time for the months of August and September:

Mrs. Reeb's Class: Aiden Benac Jayden Herrguth Layla Janssen Gage Kendall Eli Kinutske Athena LeClear Abi Morey Jillian Randolph Triston Reeder Macy Schneeberger Ethan Skuczas Aydin Sloan Mia Steur 13/25=52% of Reeb's Class were here every day and on time.

> <u>Mrs. Schneeberger's Class:</u> Alyssa Baxter Avery Bryan AJ DeVellis Riley Jernigan Austin Krey Silas Miller Rylee Price Lucy Roberts Jada Schartzer Emma Winans

10/26=38% of Schneeberger's Class were here every day and on time.

• Attendance: Families, please be sure to call in to our 24-hour Attendance Line if your child will be absent. The number is <u>517-625-5858</u>. Please remember that after 5 absences we will notify you via phone, after 8 absences we will send you a letter and document your child's file and after 11 absences we have to notify truancy, per school handbook.

THIRD GRADE POP CAN DRIVE!

- * Please bring pop cans or plastic bottles in a plastic bags (no glass).
- * Drop off in front of Mr. Scanlan's door.
- * Will accept cash donations too :)
- * Will run the months of October and November.
- Mrs. Reeb is looking for two-three parent volunteers to help with a PTO fundraising project. This would involve helping to plan an art project and auction basket to go with the theme of Michigan. Please contact her if you would like more information and are interested in volunteering.
- Mrs. Huhn's Fall Cross Country Run is scheduled for October 19th with a rain date on October 26th. Third grade will begin their run at 9:15. Families are encouraged to come and cheer the students on at the High School.
- Parent Survey: All school stakeholders are being asked to complete a survey regarding their perceptions of Perry Elementary. Students took the survey this week at school, and chrome books were available during conferences for parents to complete the survey. If you did not get the opportunity to complete this, please do so:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PerryELParent2016-17

THE BIG ZOO LESSON!

*** BIG ZOO PARENT NIGHT! Please mark your calendars for November 16th, 6:00PM. Join us to learn all about the Big Zoo Lesson! Student and parent expectations will be explained, and you will have the opportunity to ask questions.

*Now taking a list for Volunteers! If you are able to attend any day, full or half day please let us know <u>your availability.</u>

*We are looking for a few parents to begin putting our Notebooks together. This project can be done at school or at home. If you are able to help in any way, please contact us.

Third graders have an exciting opportunity to attend The Big Zoo lesson at Potter Park Zoo this winter. This is a change from the traditional field trip model to a week long interdisciplinary study trip, connecting science learning with the real world setting of the zoo. We will make the zoo our classroom for an entire week, December 12th-16th. This experience includes investigations, behind-the-scene tours, presentations by community experts, and groups of students working cooperatively on research. We will talk with wildlife experts, observe animal behavior, and research animals from all over the world. We are hoping for at least five adults volunteers each day. Please check your schedule to see if you or another adult can attend any or all days.