



**Mrs. Reeb's and Mrs. Schneeberger's  
Turtle and Trout Newsletter  
October 21, 2016**

**Here's The Plan for Next Week:**

**Reading**

Readers will read multiple texts with a “night sky” theme. They will focus on determining the main idea and key details and vocabulary.

**Writing**

Writers will begin the week by completing their endangered species project. They will edit, revise, and illustrate with art work. When this is complete

**Grammar and Spelling**

Students will focus on correctly forming possessive nouns. Our spelling words will focus on three letter blends, including thr, scr, spr, str, and scr.

**Math Focus: Multiplication**

- Checking Progress and multiplication worksheets
- I can use the make a table strategy to solve problems
- I can use multiplication to find the total number of combinations that can be made when given two groups of objects
- Chapter 4 Review

**Social Studies Focus: Michigan**

- How did life change for Michigan's tribe once they began trading for fur?
- Why did the French want to explore the Great Lakes?

**Science**

Scientists will wrap up exploring why plants and animals survive in different environments. We will learn about a desert environment and students will study a desert animal in groups. At the end of the week, students will choose an animal to research and study at our Big Zoo Lesson.

## **Other News:**

- Attendance: Families, please be sure to call in to our 24-hour Attendance Line if your child will be absent. The number is **517-625-5858**. 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.
- 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'S ONLY 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 your availability.**

**\*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.