

News from Mrs. VanderWall's

3rd Grade

October 20, 2017



Reading: We started reading the book Because of Winn-Dixie. As we read, we are taking a closer look at Opal, the main character. We are learning how to see things through her eyes, experience her hurts and joys. We call this "walking in her shoes". During work time, students are reading with partners (I assigned the book) and digging deeper into their characters.

Writing: We published our first stories!! I will be grading them and sharing them with you at conferences. Unit 2 is opinion essay. We are learning how essays are built around a Big Idea and supported with evidence. Everyone rewrote an essay for me. I hope to also have those ready to share at conferences.

Science: Science will be taught during the 2nd part of the year.

Social Studies: We will finish learning about our three biggest industries: manufacturing, agriculture, and tourism. Then we will see how Michigan specializes in certain activities/products and how we are interdependent on other places.

Spelling: Next week's lesson is long a. We spell this sound ai and ay. Words will be pretested on Monday. Please prepare for Friday's test.

Math: We have learned $\times 2$, $\times 5$, $\times 10$, $\times 9$ $\times 3$, $\times 0$ and $\times 1$. We have multiple strategies to help us find the answers. All facts need to be memorized by June. We will be testing unit 1 on Tuesday.

Remember to do xtramath!!

Specials Schedule

Monday - Art

Tuesday - Music

Wednesday - Gym

Thursday - STEAM

Friday - Art

Other Need to Knows!

Library is on Thursdays

The next early release is Friday, Nov 3.

Turkey Trot is Tuesday!

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