News from Mrs. VanderWall's 3rd Grade April 27, 2018

Reading: This past week, we learned how to find the main idea and key details. We talked about the difference between the main topic and main idea. Also, we started reading a book called Life in the Desert. Our task is to locate specific information. We call this research. This will guide the students as they begin researching their ocean animals!	**Writing:** We are wrapping up our persuading essays! Most of the students will finish publishing today. Next week, we will use the rubric to assess learning and write the next On-Demand (essay). Our last writing piece will be Informational. Notes went home earlier this week! Your child should be busy finding ocean animal research material. This is due Wednesday, May 2.
Science: Ms VanSlooten began teaching science! The students are very excited.	**Social Studies:** In our history lessons, the colonist just won the American Revolution! The USA is now a country, but Michigan is still just a territory. We will be learning all about the road to STATE HOOD! Then.... the test! More information to come!
Word Study: Our weekly sort is consonant digraphs, plus r-blends.	**Math:** Unit 7 is fractions. Our learning targets are: representing fractions as a sum of unit fractions, fractions on a number line, comparing fractions, and finding equivalent fractions. Remember to do xtramath!!
Specials Schedule Monday - Art Tuesday - Music Wednesday - Gym Thursday - STEAM Friday - Music	**Other Need to Knows!** Library is on Thursdays. Due to M-Step testing our block will be in the morning. Book Fair - the week of May 7 Next Early Release: May 11 M-Step Testing: May 15, 16, 22, & 23. Class blog: mvanderw.edublogs.org