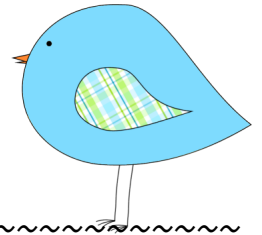




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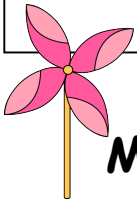


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Smarter Balanced Testing

We completed our first week of English Language Arts testing this week and the kids did a great job! They worked hard and didn't stress the test! Our second week of testing will begin on Monday, April 27th, which is the first day back from vacation. That week will be MATH week! You can help by making sure they:

- * Get some extra exercise/
- * Get a good night's sleep.
- * Eat healthy meals.
- * Be present and on time.



March MATH Recap

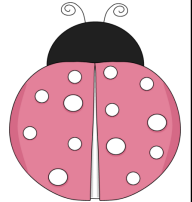
It was a month of parts and wholes in the 3rd grade math world! That's to say, it was Fractions month! We completed Units 9 and 10 in fractions and the students really started showing both understanding and the ability to compare fractions.

We also finished out the 2nd trimester by working on those tricky multi-step word problems as well as working on our ability to explain our thinking in math. These skills will continue throughout the 3rd trimester.

How to help at home?

Right now we are gearing up for the math portion of the Smarter Balanced test. Practicing ALL basic facts and adding/subtracting 3 digit numbers could go a long way to helping the students succeed! Kidzone.ws has many printable resources and my website has many more links to help you out!

Upcoming Calendar



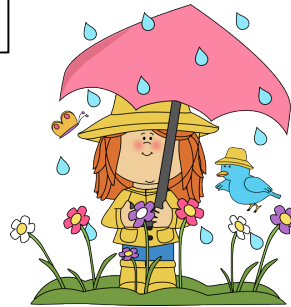
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April 3	Report Cards
April 14 and 16	Conferences
April 17	*FULL-DAY of School
April 20-24	April Vacation
April 27-May 1	Smarter Balanced Testing (Math)

*Reflects calendar changes made by the school board.

Weather Changes

With the changing seasons it becomes more difficult to anticipate what clothing your child may need at recess. Please send both sweatshirts and jackets. For those active kids who like to splash in the mud, mud boots might be a good idea too!



CONFERENCES

Not in my homeroom? That's OK, we can still meet if you'd like! I have some openings in my conference schedule and I'd be happy to fill them with my math friends! Please contact me via e-mail or backpack if you'd like to find a time to discuss your budding mathematician!

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