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The Speedboat

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I want to thank all of our students for working so hard during NECAP testing. Families will receive the results some time in 2012. I know that all of our students did their personal best!

Mrs. Nielsen

Reading to Learn

As we navigate our way through 3rd grade we move from “learning to read” to “reading to learn.” One of the things you can do to help support this skill is to make sure you are talking about the books, newspapers, magazines or even TV shows that your child is reading or watching. Ask your children to:

- make connections (text to self, text to text, and/or text to world)
- ask questions (what does this make you think about?)
- favorite part (what was your favorite part and WHY?)
- author’s purpose (what do you think the author is trying to teach us?)
- retelling (what happened at the beginning, middle and end?)
- plot (what was the problem and the solution?)



Important Dates:

Monday, October 24th
October 25 – 27th
Wednesday, October 26th
Friday, November 11th
November 23 – 25th

Mid-Progress Reports Go Home
Parent-Teacher-Student Conferences
Early Release – Dismissed at 12:00
No School
No School - Thanksgiving Break

Technology in the Classroom

Along with reading, writing and arithmetic we also include technology in our curriculum. Each morning the “Speedboats” practice their basic math facts by using xtramath.com. We also practice our spelling words by using spellingcity.com. Links to these and many other sites can be found on our class website: kimberly.nielsen.lakeregionschools.org. We are also learning to use a word processing program in our writing to create final drafts. One program you might consider at home is a typing program. I always say that one of the most valuable things I learned is how to touch type!