



Third Grade News

Indian Hills Elementary School

Mathematics

The third graders will be studying measurement/multiplication for the next few weeks. In addition, we will be reviewing standards already taught to prepare for the 2nd Early Warning Assessment. Please continue to reinforce these at home. You have been doing a great job on this. We will also be implementing our annual Banana Split incentive program. When a student successfully masters a times table on a class assessment, they will earn one ingredient to be added to their personal banana split. The banana split party will be in May, so there will be many opportunities to earn all the ingredients.

Special Points of Interest!

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. District policy states that recess will be held outdoors if the temperature/wind-chill is twenty degrees.

Thank you to all the parents who helped in any way to make the Christmas parties the great success they were! The children had a great time!

STATE TESTING DATES:

Feb. 21, 22, 23 Reading

Feb. 28, 29, and March 1 Math

PLEASE HAVE YOUR CHILD HERE THESE DAYS. It is vital to have a positive and organized testing environment. The state guidelines are very specific and we need all students here to ensure the guidelines are met.

Important Dates:

- Early Release—Jan. 11
- Jan. 16 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day -no school
- Jan. 9-13 Reading Early Warning Assessment
- Jan. 23-27 Math Early Warning Assessment
- Feb. 1st and 29th are Early Release Days
- Feb. 15-16 Parent-Teacher Conferences

Writing

Third graders will continue to practice daily skills using the DOL, with tests given each week, unless otherwise notified. Also, practice on nouns, verbs, adjectives, adverbs, and pronouns will be emphasized. We are utilizing the 6-trait writing rubric to evaluate their writings.

Reading

We will be preparing for the 2nd Early Warning Assessment for third graders. To prepare, we are utilizing novels, basal stories, smart board notebooks from the first Early Warning Assessment, Guided Reading instruction, and other materials. Please continue to help at home by reading daily with your child, stopping to ask questions about the text just read, practicing the usage of context clues to determine the meaning of unknown words, and using graphics to add to their knowledge from the text. These are just a few of the standards they will be required to master. It is essential that they see you placing importance on these at home as well as at school. Together we can insure success for your child.

SMART BOARDS

The third graders are using the smart boards daily for DOL/DOM, math practice and games, reading assignments, review, and intervention/enrichment activities.