



Ms. Bove's Brainiacs

Academics:

Reading: In reading this week, we finished up our first module on learning challenges throughout the world. The students wrapped up this unit by writing a 4 paragraph essay describing reading challenges they have and describing strategies they can use to overcome these challenges. They also created a bookmark describing these challenges/strategies that I will laminate so they can use it for reference. Next week, we will begin our next module which focuses on frogs and has the students reading poetry, porquoi stories, and non-fiction text.

Math: During our math block, the students have been practicing using estimation with multiplication and division problems. We also worked on division problems with remainders. Midway through this week, we refocused our efforts on solving multi-step word problems. The students are using key words to help them figure out which operation to use to solve the problems. However, I have also been putting a lot of emphasis on really thinking about what is occurring in the "story". For example, if food is eaten, we will likely subtract or if we have several bags of items, that might mean we need to multiply. We will continue our work with multi-step problems next week.

General Information:

- Next Tuesday and Wednesday is our IOWA testing. Parents were notified last week if their child was going to be taking this test.
- On Tuesday, December 19, the 3rd grade students will be taking part in a Holidays Around the World activity. Each teacher has prepared a lesson that includes information about holidays that are celebrated in a chosen country around this time of year. This year, the students will learn about holidays in Mexico, Finland, Italy, Puerto Rico, and Israel.
- On Wednesday, December 20, we will have a busy day! We will begin with a pizza lunch for the kids at 11:30, followed by the project presentations at 12:00. We will wrap up the class party with some winter crafts around 12:45. We would love for parents to join for any or all of the events planned for this day. Hope to see you there!
- We are asking for donations for some of the events in the coming weeks. Last week, I sent out a request for materials for an ice cream science experiment. We are still in need of a few items. I have added the link below if you would like to help. Also, Mrs. Dotson is sending out a letter today requesting a few extra items for the pizza lunch. Thank you in advance for any help you are able to offer!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c49acab28a6f49-icecream11>

PTA Information:

Upcoming Events:

- **Dec. 12/13:** IOWA Testing
- **Dec. 19:** Holidays Around the World Activities
- **Dec. 19/20:** Aladdin Performances @ 6:00
- **Dec. 20:** Family History Project Presentations and Class Party
- **Dec. 21:** Early Release Day, Dismissal @ 1:15
- **Dec. 22-Jan. 1:** Winter Break
- **Jan. 2:** Welcome Back!

Link to

[LES Principal's Blog](#)

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Next Week's Specials:

Monday: Music
Tuesday: Technology
Wednesday: H & Fitness
Thursday: Logic
Friday: P.E.

[Classroom Wish List:](#)