



Ms. Bove's Brainiacs

Academics:

Reading: In reading this week, we completed mClass testing to determine your child's current reading level. I will send home the parent letters as soon as all testing is complete (hopefully next week). Next week, we will get back into our reading/writing curriculum. The class will be writing a porquoi story as a group to practice narrative writing. The following week, students will work independently to write their own porquoi story. We will also be spending some time focusing on comparative and superlative adjectives (i.e. big, bigger, biggest) and determining the meaning of unknown words.

Math: During our math block, we have been learning different strategies to find the area of a figure. The students have learned that they can simply count the square units (if they are drawn), use the formula Length x Width ($A = L \times W$), or breaking up large areas into smaller rectangles, and then add the areas together to find the area of the whole shape. Next week, we will continue more practice with area, including how to find the area in complex figures when some of the side lengths are missing. Then we will begin to teach the students how to find the perimeter of a shape by adding up all of the sides.

General Information:

- Please note that Monday, Jan. 22 is now a regular school day to make up for the snow day last week.
- Also, please make sure your child is at school on Tuesday, Jan. 23 so that they can take the Math Case 21.
- On January 30th, Dr. Faulkner, professor at NCSU in mathematics education, will be leading an information session which will provide insight into the way math is being taught in elementary schools. Please check your child's Friday Folder for an information/RSVP sheet.
- We will plan to have our ice cream party on Wednesday, January 31st, in celebration of the hard work the students have put forth to master their multiplication facts. I will be sending out a SignUp Genius form for any of you who might be willing to donate to our party!

PTA Information:

- Mark your calendars! The Silent Auction & Carnival will be held on Friday, March 23rd. We need help running these events, so if you have any time or talents you can share to make these events possible, please contact us at fundraising@lespta.com, or familyfun@lespta.com. Help needed includes soliciting and picking up auction donations, decorations, marketing, and coordinating activities/vendors. Thanks in advance for your help!

Upcoming Events:

- **Jan. 15:** MLK Jr. Holiday, No School
- **Jan. 19:** LES Spelling Bee
- **Jan. 22:** Snow Make-Up Day, Normal School Schedule
- **Jan. 23:** 3rd Grade Math Case 21 Test
- **Jan. 30:** Parent Math Workshop with Dr. Faulkner 5:30-7:15
- **Jan. 31:** Multiplication Ice Cream Party
- **Feb. 9:** Early Release Day, Dismissal @ 1:15

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Next Week's

Specials:

Monday: No School

Tuesday: Technology

Wednesday: Health & Fit.

Thursday: Logic

Friday: P.E.

Classroom Wish List:

