



# News from Ms. Vanderwall

## For the week of September 7th



### AIMS Testing

**You will be receiving a very important test ticket in the mail next week for AIMSWEB testing. Please keep this ticket in a safe place until I ask for it!**

During the next few weeks, teachers and reading specialists will be completing aimswebPLUS assessments with students. Your child may complete this testing during regularly scheduled Zoom lessons or the teacher may schedule a time to meet with your child during independent work or student support time. The testing should take approximately 5-20 minutes depending on the grade level.

aimswebPLUS assessments are formative and help our teachers know how to better teach your child. It is more important that your child completes the test to the best of their ability than that they get every answer correct. So that we can get a better understanding of your child’s abilities, please don’t restate directions, provide answers or clues, give indication of a correct or incorrect answer (nod, smile, etc.), or provide feedback to the teacher during the test (since many of the tests are timed). The teacher will provide this feedback to your child as needed and will make sure they feel reassured and successful. We ask that you please not screenshot or copy testing materials as they are copyrighted.

READING: Our story this week will be “The Case of the Gasping Garbage.” We will review parts of the story, the sequence of events, and point of view to help us with our comprehension of the stories.

PHONICS: This week we will not have a spelling list or spelling test. A new list of words will be sent via email on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>.

WRITING: We will begin learning how to write a narrative story. Students will learn how to establish a situation and create a sequence of events.

MATH: We will continue Unit 1: Math Tools, Time, and Multiplication. We will focus on elapsed time. Your child should be going over their HomeLink book with you each night.

**SCIENCE: This week we will continue learning about the Scientific Method. We will practice creating a hypothesis, making observations and inferences, and drawing conclusions through experiments.**

### OTHER NEWS

- We will not have school on Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup> due to Labor Day.
- Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup> is Patriot Day. Students can wear red, white, and/or blue on Friday.
- Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> is a Full Day Institute No School day for the children. This is a calendar change.
- Please check your child’s assignment notebook every night. This is a great way to communicate all of the great things that are happening in third grade, along with teaching your child organizational skills and accountability for their work.

Monday, 7th	Tuesday, 8th	Wednesday, 9th	Thursday, 10th	Friday, 11th
No School Labor Day	PE	Music	PE	Music Wear red, white and blue