

# NEWS FROM ROOM 15

Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can. – Arthur Ashe

## Dates to Remember

Spelling/Vocabulary Quiz  
-Friday, November 13

Donuts with Dads  
-Friday, November 13

Parent-Teacher Conferences  
-Tuesday, November 17

Thanksgiving Recess  
-Wednesday, November  
25 - Friday, November 27

Wednesday, December 9  
-Holiday Program

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Working with Lego for Education Story Starters.

## Parent Teacher Conferences

It was a pleasure meeting with many of you on Thursday evening, a great evening of celebrating successes and setting goals. For those of you who are coming to conferences on November 17, please feel free to bring your son or daughter along so we can discuss together how the school year is going and where we would like to head in the months to come.

I will be out of the classroom for our Indiana trip this coming Thursday afternoon and Friday. Mrs. Sally Cain, former Pinewood teacher will be subbing for me. I will still be available via e-mail if you need to contact me!





Mystery Skype with a class  
from Iowa!

## Reading

This week we studied the comprehension skill of determining the main idea and finding details that support the main idea. We are also reading two texts on a similar topic and responding to those texts, citing evidence from the text in our answers. We will continue our study of main idea and supporting details next week.

## Writing

We had a great time writing narratives this week! The third graders were fortunate enough to get a grant from the Jenison Public Education Foundation for Lego Story Starters. We were able to build characters and setting, problem, important events, and a solution to a story with Legos. We then had the chance to write our story based on what we built. What a fun week of writing!

## Math

This week we began our unit on multiplication and division. We started with looking at all the different ways we can represent multiplication. There are lots of ways! We finished by making screencasts explaining the different ways we can multiply. Next week we will be exploring more of how multiplication and division are related, and working on multiplication and division story problems. It is very important to keep working on Reflex Math, as we soon be starting to memorize multiplication and division facts.

## Social Studies

We finished our study of the Southeast Region of the United States this week. We only have two regions left to explore, the Southwest and the West. After that we will be starting our final state project.



Creating arrays for multiplication problems.