

NEWS FROM ROOM 15

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire. –William Butler Yeats

Dates to Remember

- Teach Like a Pirate Day
-Friday, September 18
- Spelling/Vocabulary Quiz
-Friday, September 18
- KidCats Football Game
-Friday, September 18
- Picture Day
-Tuesday, September 29
- Homecoming
-Friday, October 2
- Walk-a-Thon
-Thursday, October 15

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Teach Like a Pirate

It has been a wonderful first week getting to know this incredible group of third graders. I am very excited for the year ahead, we have a great journey ahead of us. I'm also excited to let you know that Pinewood is again having Teach Like a Pirate Day this year. This is the day when we teachers get to develop lessons exciting enough that kids are lining up at the door to get in. Teach Like a Pirate Day is on Friday, September 18.

Book Orders

The book orders that went home are due on Friday, September 18. You can order online at scholastic.com. Use the code FXZH3.





Reading

The students did a fantastic job reading for 20 minutes and bringing their reading logs and books back and forth to school. Thank you so much for helping them get into this routine. Making sure your child gets his or her reading time in is crucial for your child's reading development.

Next week we start in our Storytown text. We will also have our first spelling and vocabulary quiz. **The spelling and vocabulary list was sent home in the Friday Folder and is also available for download on our website.** The quizzes are on Friday.

Writing

Our writer's notebooks are decorated and we are ready to begin filling them up. We begin our first writing unit by writing personal narratives. We will be writing stories about family, friends, and experiences we have had.

Math

Our first math unit is on rounding numbers to the nearest 10's and 100's. We will be using real world situations and problem solving as much as possible to help students to develop critical thinking skills in math. Math homework will be working on basic facts and will begin on Monday, September 21.

Social Studies

We begin our first Social Studies unit with a study of the Midwest region of the United States. We also completed our first Mystery Skype of the year on Friday. A Mystery Skype is a problem solving game where we Skype with another 3rd grade class from somewhere else in the United States. Students ask yes or no questions for clues to try to figure out where the other class is. It's a great way to learn geography

