## News from the Classroom

## 3rd/4th ELA with Mrs. Sheehan

**Spelling:** The children will be bringing home a new packet for spelling. Each child must do the Trace/Copy/Write spelling on Monday but may choose which spelling job to complete for Tuesday and Wednesday from the packet. On Thursday night, I suggest having them take a pretest with you and if they miss any words write those words three times each. Grammar: Both Third and Fourth graders are working on writing complete sentences with a subject and a predicate. We have been reviewing nouns (common and proper) and action verbs with both groups. The Third grade will be continuing to work on nouns moving on to singular and plural forms. The fourth graders will be moving on to learning about pronouns. Writing: Our focus this trimester will be with writing Opinion papers. The children will be learning about all the elements that make up an Opinion paper and have many opportunities to practice these skills. Reading: This week we will continue to learn different comprehension strategies. So far we have worked visualizing and using the illustrations to aid comprehension. Next, we will focus on connecting to the text as we read. Our next section in our reading book is about "Early Governments" and we are working on figuring out the main idea and the key details that support it.

Remember that every night your child should read 10-15 min. and when they finish a book take an AR test on the book. 3rd grade needs 5 AR point a trimester and 4th 10 AR points a trimester.