## News from the Classroom

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

Spelling: The spelling packet coming home this week will be for two weeks (Oct. 29-Nov. 8th). The children will be bringing home a new packet for spelling Monday. 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 Wednesday, Nov. 7th, I suggest having them take a pretest with you and if they miss any words write those words three times each or they can complete another job from the packet. They are welcome to turn in as they finish or save them and turn them in on Thursday morning, Nov. 8th. Test will be on Thursday, Nov. 8th. I will be collecting the trace/copy/write on Tuesday morning, Oct. 30.

**Grammar:** The **Third grade** focus is on verbs, both regular verbs and irregular verbs. The **fourth graders** focus is on Relative Pronouns and Relative Adverbs.

Writing: The children will be finishing up on their Halloween Opinion paper on Homemade or Store bought Halloween costumes. Finished writings will be hung up in the hall for all to read.

Reading:

Third grade is reading <u>Freckle Juice</u>. Fourth Grade is reading <u>Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing</u>. Both books are by Judy Blume. Every two chapters has vocabulary words for the children to study and comprehension questions to answer. Fourth Grade took their first vocabulary test last Friday and Third will be taking theirs on Friday, Nov. 2nd.

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.