## News from the Classroom

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

Spelling: 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 Thursday night, 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 Friday morning.

**Grammar:** 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 Relative Pronouns.

**Writing:** This week we will be continuing to focusing on writing opinion papers. We will be looking at and practicing adding introductions and what the elements are for a good topic sentence.

**Reading:** We are continuing to learn different comprehension strategies and working on fluency skills. This week our focus will be on connecting to the text as we read Independently and together. A fluency practice page will be coming home on Monday for the children to practice at least once a night.

We are finishing up reading about Government and will be moving on to read Realistic Fiction books. Third graders will be reading "Freckle Juice" and fourth grade "Tales of a Fourth Grade Nothing".

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.