



# 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. I will be collecting the trace/copy/write on Tuesday morning**

**Grammar:** The **Third grade** focus is on abstract nouns The **fourth graders** focus is on Progressive Verbs.

**Writing:** While the children will continue to write Opinion paragraphs, we are moving on to learn about the elements of narrative paragraphs. Before Christmas, I had the children write a sample narrative story. I am using those stories to create lessons to work on writing narrative stories that include a beginning (introduction: hook, setting, character and plot introduced), middle (plot sequentially developed to a problem or event), and a conclusion (problem solved or event brought to a close)

## **Reading:**

Third grade will be reading Knights at Dawn for the next few weeks. Fourth Grade will be reading Knights of the Kitchen Table. Every two chapters has comprehension questions to answer.

Each child will be picking one of the Winter picture books to practice reading. They will then be sharing these books with the Kindergarten Class.

**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.**

