

3rd Grade ELA Update

September 15, 2019

Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Smith

Reading: For the next few weeks, we will be reading the book “The Case of the Gasping Garbage”. We will be using this novel to student the elements of a narrative, character development, and how authors use character motivation to move stories forward. The classes are continuing to work on their reading stamina and writing clear complete answers to comprehension questions.

Spelling: Last week, the children were introduced to our spelling program, “Words Their Way”. After giving a test the first week of school, we determined where they should begin in the program. Each Monday in class they will be learning the pattern focus and practicing the sounds that make up their words of study. They will receive a spelling packet that has ways for them to practice their spelling words throughout the week. Mondays they **must always** complete the “Trace, Copy, Write” sheet, otherwise they choose which 1 page they will complete each night. They can turn in the page each morning or the entire packet on Friday morning. Typically, the spelling test will be on the following Friday unless we have a crazy week and then we will let you know the day of the spelling test.

Mrs. Valerie Sheehan

Writer’s Workshop: We begin writer’s workshop this week. Students will be working on generating ideas for true stories and they will spend most of their time writing up a storm. We will also spend time each session, sharing our writing. Grammar, sentence structure, and paragraphing will be taught within the workshop format. Thank you for helping your child decorate their writer’s notebook. This will be filled with all of your child’s writing this year.