

3rd Grade ELA Update

December 2

Mrs. Sheehan and Mrs. Smith

Reading: In the weeks before Christmas, we will be reading The Matchbox Diary, the story of a little girl who visits her great-grandfather and through the objects in a collection of matchboxes, learns about his journey from Italy to a new country. The children will be working on their comprehension strategies and fluency skills as we read.

The week before Christmas Break, we are hoping to practice our fluency skills by reading some Christmas books to the kindergarteners.

Spelling: This week (Dec. 2-6) will be a normal week of spelling. The children will receive their spelling packet on Monday and need to complete the trace, copy, write on Monday night and one spelling job of their choice on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Then for the next **two weeks, (Dec. 9-20)**, the children will be working on **one spelling list**. They will not receive their words on Monday, Dec. 9 but on Wednesday, Dec. 11th. They will be expected to complete the **trace, copy, write on Wednesday Dec. 11th**. They need to complete a spelling job on Thursday, Friday, and Monday. **The test will be on Tuesday, Dec. 17th.**

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.