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## Grade Weekly Update

September 4-7

### *From the Teachers*

We are kindly requesting to please avoid keeping your child home from school or picking them up early unless it is due to illness.

It is imperative that your child is in school each day and receiving instruction. Work assigned at school is not always easily assigned or able to be made up at home.

Please be aware of the school calendar and make your arrangements accordingly so your child gets the most learning opportunities here at school. Any vacations scheduled during school time will be counted as unexcused absences and missed work will result in zeros in the gradebook.  
Thank you for your understanding!

### *Important Dates*

Labor Day- No school

- Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>

PTO Meeting

- Tuesday, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>

Back to School Picnic

- Sept 15<sup>th</sup> 11am-2pm
- Philippe Park Shelter #2

Curriculum Night

- Sept 12<sup>th</sup>

Pro Dad Camping Trip Meeting

- Wednesday Sept 19<sup>th</sup>

### *Important Information- Curriculum Night*

#### **WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2018**

Two sessions: 5:30-6pm or 6-6:30 pm

This curriculum night will be for parents to attend. Kindly requesting no kids.

The topics we will be explaining include:

- ELA Portfolios and Good Cause Folder
- Curriculum standards for each subject
- How to navigate our team website
  - Explaining homework
- How to navigate PearsonRealize.com

#### **PLEASE RSVP TO THIS EVENT!!**

We would like as many parents to please attend as possible, this curriculum night is going to be filled with a lot of great information that will help you at home.

1. Please visit our website [pacthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://pacthirdgrade.weebly.com)
2. Click "Curriculum Night RSVP"
3. Please fill out and submit the RSVP form



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*Science with Ms. Eisenbacher*

*ELA with Ms. Dolan*

Our learning topic is all about Scientists and the scientific method.

Our learning goal is:

o Big Idea 1: I can recognize that scientists question, discuss, and check each other's evidence and explanations

We are continuing to explore the scientific method. We will be talking about what the steps are and why scientists use this method.

**\*\*Next Wednesday we will have a quiz on scientists and the scientific method. Tuesday night's homework will help your child study for the quiz the following day.**

**\*\*Reminder: Science homework given on Tuesdays and is due on Wednesday. Students receive a participation grade for their homework.**

**\*\*If they do not do it or forget, they should still turn it in late and receive up to a 75% as a grade.**

**\*\*Homework is posted on my website if it is ever lost or forgotten at school.**

What do good readers do while reading? They use schema, metacognition, set goals and self monitor their reading by giving themselves comprehension checks.

We are continuing to build a reading life for ourselves and develop skills necessary for deeper thinking in our fictional reading lives.

Each Friday a vocabulary packet will come home that needs to be returned the following Friday. After the first week, I gave comments on students packets to clarify my expectations. I have a suggested schedule to follow to allow for continued exposure to the vocabulary words located at the third grade website. [Pacthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://Pacthirdgrade.weebly.com) My intention is not for the students to complete the packet in one night and never look at the words again. Please work with your student to incorporate the vocabulary in their daily conversations.

**\*\*\*A vocabulary assessment will be given every Friday.\*\*\***

I hope everyone has an absolutely wonderful three day weekend!



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### *Math with Mrs. Harvey*

We are looking forward to Curriculum Night! Mrs. Harvey has posted the math Curriculum Night video on the [pacthirdgrade.weebly.com](http://pacthirdgrade.weebly.com) website in case you will be unable to attend that night or need assistance before then. (If everyone watches it now, we can skip that portion at Curriculum Night.)

On Thursday 8/30, students received a Video Notes sheet. As it is their first one, an example is included. Feel free to cut off the example and keep at home for future reference. This is normally due on Monday but this week it is due on Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.)

The Tenmarks this week is "Relate Division and Subtraction." Reminder: Students MUST watch the first video. (Students will receive a 10 point reduction in their score if they skip this crucial step.) I have reminded them and I ask that you encourage them to take this step as well. Thank you for your help with this.

(Troubleshooting Tenmarks: Please make sure the video plays from beginning to end without stopping, pausing, or exiting before the video ends on its own. If you still show that no videos were watched, please email me.)

Some quick reminders:

- Math website instruction is available at our website. Please visit all of our pages and read over the parent packet for any information that may have been overlooked in the beginning of the year shuffle.
- Thursday was our first test. It was mostly 2nd grade skills. When you receive it back, please note any mistakes that were made and work to fill in those gaps with your child.
- This Thursday 9/6 will be our first quiz on Topic 1. We are learning to show our work and take a quiz online for the first time. We will review our mistakes together and practice. You can reinforce this skill by having students show their work while doing Tenmarks, playing Prodigy, or nightly computer-based homework. You will be welcome to review this on Pearson under completed assignments beginning Friday night on 9/7 as some students may need extra time. Please always check Focus for final grades instead of Pearson in case adjustments were made. (For example, a student is able to answer me correctly but selected the wrong choice in error, they may receive an adjusted score.)
- Each semester, I drop one low quiz and one low test score. (We all have off days.) We will continue to review that 0 material however, and some questions will be repeated later, so it is advisable to review each question.
- If a paper is sent home for a signature, please return it asap. However, feel free to copy it, take pictures, scan it, etc. so you have it for review.
- Quizzes are available for review online at Pearson under "Completed" assignments the following day. Tests are normally on paper, so they will take a few days to grade and will come home the next week
- My goal is your child's success and I am here to help you and your child reach that goal. Please come to **me** with any of your needs/concerns. I can clear up misconceptions about 3rd grade math better than anyone else and make recommendations that can help if you are having any issues. Social Media can create more confusion than it clears up, so feel free to reach out to me directly. Thanks!
- Homework club has begun and is held each Tuesday this semester! Please sign up if you are finding homework is taking up too much of your evening. Online work can be done in HW club. Please sign up through the office.
- If you are a carline parent that comes closer to 3:30, and you would like your child to begin their Pearson HW during carline time, please email me at [harveym@platoacademy.net](mailto:harveym@platoacademy.net) to let me know and I will be happy to have them begin.