

Third Grade News



Dear Third Grade Parents,

We hope you are having a great Spring and enjoying hearing about our recent activities and adventures in third grade.

This Spring brought a successful overnight trip to the Marin Headlands as well as some dazzling landmark hats that were displayed brilliantly during the Arts Festival.

As our year together comes to a close, the girls are preparing for a day of exploration around the city and finishing up many other projects.

We have enjoyed getting to know your daughters this year and wish you a relaxing summer!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team



LANGUAGE ARTS AND SOCIAL STUDIES

A focus of third grade has been on letter writing. The girls have been corresponding with Burke’s alumnae all year. The culmination of this project will be a luncheon on June 3rd, during which the girls will be able to meet many of their pen pals and other Burke’s alumnae in person.

The girls are learning different genres of poetry, including haikus and raps. They are becoming music artists and are in the process of recording their raps and producing a music video.

Third graders have enjoyed sharing their written work with classmates at our author’s chairs. We encourage you to ask your daughter to share her work with you.

The third grade has been working hard researching important San Francisco landmarks and creating visual representations, such as hats in Art class and pamphlets in Technology class.

We focused on our own school’s neighborhood and students went on an Outer Richmond Neighborhood field trip where we walked through Land’s End, and visited the Camera Obscura, the ruins of Sutro Bath, and Sutro Heights park.

In class, we are now focusing on mapping skills and team building exercises to prepare the class for our Scavenger Hunt this Thursday. We thank you for taking your girls to see their landmarks and for participating in this last field trip.

Summer Reading!

Ms. Faust will be letting the girls know in Library about the Summer Reading Program. They will be given a list of suggested books and encouraged to read high-interest books throughout the summer to develop their reading skills while enjoying good literature!

MATH

We are continuing to work on multiplication and division, as well as data analysis, graphing and 3D geometry.

Throughout the year, the girls have been collecting data on morning temperature at Burke’s and are studying the data to look at patterns and trends. They have also been comparing our data with temperatures around the world.

Students are expected to know their multiplication facts with products up to 50 by June. They should also know their subtraction and addition facts through 20. If they do not know their facts yet, they should dedicate time this summer to practice them.

The girls may complete any unfinished pages in their math workbooks this summer.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, May 24th, 2011: ERBs Make-Up Day
- Thursday, May 26th, 2011: SF Exploration Day Field Trip
- Friday, May 27th, 2011: Early Dismissal, Free Dress
- Monday, May 30th, 2011: No School- Memorial Day
- Thursday, June 2nd, 2011: Families Event- Bring your own lunch!
- Friday, June 3rd, 2011: Alumnae pen pal luncheon
- Wednesday, June 8th, 2011: Last Day of School, Free Dress

ERB Testing

After our return from the Marin Headlands, we spent time preparing for ERBs. The students did a wonderful job last week, successfully completing their first ERB