

# Third Grade News

## Greetings from Third Grade!



### MATH

The girls have been doing wonderful work learning addition and subtraction strategies, as well as solving multi-step word problems. They are developing number sense and learning how to manipulate numbers.

We are encouraging all students to memorize the addition and subtraction facts they do not have at their fingertips yet

We will continue to send informational letters home with the girls at the beginning of each new unit. Our next unit will focus on geometry (perimeter, angles, and area).

Dear Third Grade Parents,

It was a pleasure meeting with you during our November conferences to discuss your daughter's progress. School will be closed from December 20, 2010 to January 3, 2011. Have a great break!

We thank you for your support and wish you all a wonderful New Year!

### SOCIAL STUDIES

We have been discussing the missions' role in changing the way of life for the Ohlone and our field trip to Mission Dolores will mark the end of our unit on the Ohlone way of life. We will begin a new unit on Chinese and Japanese immigration in January.

Ms. Gore's *Friendship Lunches* started last month. Groups of eight third graders from both sections participate in two lunch sessions and discuss various friendship topics with Ms. Gore.



LANGUAGE ARTS

In language arts, we have been concentrating on the traits of *Voice*, *Ideas*, and *Conventions*. We continue to read high interest books and practice reading comprehension strategies. We encourage you to talk with your daughter about the books she reads.

We are also continuing our work on nouns, verbs, and adjectives. The girls have started to practice cursive handwriting and are eagerly working on their letter formation. We will begin play rehearsals as soon as we get back to school in January. This year, the third grade play will be Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*.



MORNING MEETINGS



We continue to focus on feelings and respectful behavior towards one another, which includes listening to each other when faced with a problem or conflict, and being aware of body language and tone of voice when responding to one another. We have been talking about issues of

inclusion and exclusion. We also discussed the meaning of the "Golden Rule" and its place in all cultures and religions. Our Mix It Up Lunches provide opportunities for students to get to know their classmates and to expand their circles of friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND DATES

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|--------------------------|----------|---------------------------------|
| December 17, 2010        |          |                                 |
| 8:30-                    | 10:00 am | End of year breakfast           |
| 10:30-                   | 11:30 am | Lower School Holiday Sing       |
|                          | 12:15 pm | Early Dismissal                 |
| January 4, 2011          |          | Classes Resume                  |
| January 20, 2011         |          | All day field trip to Chinatown |
| February 2, 8:30-9:15 am |          | Third Grade Play                |



**2011 Music Lunches**

Our music lunches will start Thursday, January 6. On the first Thursday of each month, students will have the opportunity to perform music for their classmates. The performances will include the use of any instrument - including voice (however, we will not have lip syncing or singing along to taped music). Students will sign up in advance and make arrangements to bring their instrument to school (a piano is available in each classroom). All third graders are invited to attend these performances, as performers and/or as audience, as long as they bring a lunch, preferably an eco-friendly one, that day.