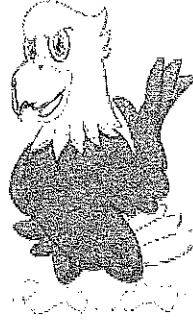


Home Letter

A Fine, Fine School
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Dear Family,

This week we'll begin by exploring the question "How is learning at school different from learning at home?" In the humorous fiction story **A Fine, Fine School**, students will learn what happens when an overly enthusiastic principal makes his students stay at school all the time! Students will also read the informational text **One-Room Schoolhouses**, which looks at early American schools.



This week's...

Target Vocabulary: principal, strolled, proud, worried, soared, announced, certainly, fine

Phonics Skills: Short vowels *a, e, i, o, u*; words with the VCCV pattern

Vocabulary Strategy: Context clues

Comprehension Skill: Story structure—name the setting, character, and plot in a story

Comprehension Strategy: Summarize—tell the important parts of the story in your own words

3rd Grade Core Studies

CORE I

Your child will start their day with CORE I. This core is a multiple studies time. Your child will participate in Writing and Grammar activities, Geography lessons about our United States, Science lessons about the human body, life cycles, weather patterns and much more. During this core your child will be viewing videos that support their learning of the materials. All of the videos are G rated and have educational value. Weekly, your child will visit the library during this core as well. If your child attends Title I class, he or she, may or may not participate in all of the above core studies, but will instead be receiving additional instruction and intense reading support.

CORE II

During the second core of the day, your child will be using the SAXON Math program, along with other materials that support and extend the Common Core State Standards. Further along in the school year, your child will use a Facts Memorization Program called ROCKET MATH. We will send home additional information about this program when we feel the students are ready to "Rocket their math facts"!

CORE III

We are very excited about our new Houghton Mifflin Reading program. (HMH) During CORE III your child will be reading an Anchor Text and also an Information text during each lesson. The units are approximately five to eight stories each, and take about the same number of weeks to complete. The information above is from the program. We will send home the new story information with each lesson's spelling words.

ALPHA time

Each day, your child will participate in a multiple activities time. During this twenty-five minute block, classes will be in one of the following, P.E., Music, Drawing/Art, Creative Writing, Keyboarding, or beginning Spanish. Each primary teacher will be teaching one of the classes, so your child will get to know all of them.

Your child's 3rd grade experience will be well remembered!

Thank you,
Mrs. Reents and Mrs. Hartley