

CLASS ROOM NEWS

3RD GRADE

Third grade students have gotten off to a wonderful start to the 2015-16 school year! They are settling into the routines and procedures that will allow them to grow both academically and socially throughout the year. In mathematics we have begun our multiplication unit. We will continue to explore various concepts related to this including the distributive property, as well as division. In social studies, we have spent time understanding and practicing what our school wide expectations are regarding Respect, Safety, and Responsibility. In science, we are exploring geological concepts through engaging and exciting activities. We are looking forward to our on site gem mining field trip in September. Please be sure to sign and return your child's permission slip that was sent home recently. Supply Fee must be paid, and students must have at least a C average in conduct to attend any field trip.



In ELA, our third graders are off to an amazing start! This month our students have been exploring the fiction genre using the book [A Bad Case of Stripes](#). Our boys and girls have been practicing identifying important story elements as well as learning to describe a character's physical traits and personality traits. We have been learning strategies for approaching multiple-choice and short answer response questions. The students are working hard to answer questions in complete sentences. We have challenged our third graders to provide evidence to support their answers! We cannot wait to explore our next genre! Thank you for your continued support and cooperation in the education of your child.



4TH GRADE

In math, the 4th grade students are off to a great start learning the rules and procedures of the classroom. As we begin this school year, we encourage parents to continue to review multiplication and division facts for fluency. Students are learning skills and concepts in place value, rounding, and addition and subtraction of

multi-digit numbers that are aligned with the Common Core standards.

Reading daily is such an important part of your child's education! We have begun the school year working with stories of different genres. So far, we have read fairy tales and realistic fiction stories. We have been reviewing concepts such as making predictions, sequencing, and identifying the problem and solution of a story. Our interactive notebooks have been very successful when reviewing concepts and genres! We will continue to explore different genres and respond to writing using the acronym R.A.C.E. (restate the question, answer the question, cite evidence, and explain).



Read To Me

- Read to me riddles and read to me rhymes,**
 - Read to me stories of magical times.**
 - Read to me tales about castles and kings.**
 - Read to me stories of fabulous things.**
 - Read to me pirates and read to me knights,**
 - Read to me dragons and dragon-book fights.**
 - Read to me spaceships and cowboys and then,**
 - When you are finished -- please read them again.**
- By Jane Yolen**



In science and social studies, fourth graders are starting off the year as budding scientists. Measuring bubble columns, observing loco beans and creating systems to balance sticks are just a few of the investigations our young scientists have explored. As the students study physical science, they are using scientific tools to observe, measure, and investigate different types of matter. Soon they will also create and distinguish between mixtures and solutions.

Map skills have been the focus of social studies for our 4th grade explorers. We will continue to explore the world with map skills getting more in depth discovering types of maps, hemispheres, longitude and latitude.

NEWS FROM ZES

SPANISH

Hola, Parents! We are diving into our Spanish Class learning this year! This month we are reviewing greetings, colors, basic numbers and the classroom. This year students have the opportunity to continue their learning from home. You can visit the [Spanish page](#) under [Moodle 2.5](#) to keep up with what we are working on. Students may also participate in the **CHALLENGE OF THE WEEK** online. For each challenge completed, students will receive a blue ticket to go in an end-of-the-week drawing. All you need to participate is a computer, microphone (usually built-in for laptops) and your student email address. The Challenge of the Week is also available under Moodle 2.5. Follow the onscreen directions, enter your student's email, and press submit. Your student's email is: `FirstName.LastName2024@zacharystudents.org`. To check email you may visit the student email link under the Zachary Community School Home Page. We look forward to a year full of new words, exciting challenges and great learning!

¿Preguntas?

Questions? Please feel free to contact me at `Crystal.Londonl@zacharyschools.org`

ART

Third graders are learning about geology in their classrooms. They are studying about rocks, volcanoes and fossils of dinosaurs. The art lessons have focused on geology too, particularly the three types of sedimentary rock: clastic, chemical and organic. Students have learned about Georgia O'Keeffe's life and have seen many of her beautiful pieces of artwork that focus on her southwestern landscapes of Arizona and New Mexico and her large scale paintings of natural flowers at close range. Some artwork has even had bones of livestock. The students have learned a technique using oil pastels and torn paper to resemble the sedimentary layers of rock seen in photos of the Georgia O'Keeffe's paintings and pictures of the Grand Canyon and Arizona desert. Fourth graders are learning about globes and different types of maps. We are discussing lines of latitude and longitude, the equator and the prime meridian. In art class they have become cartographers and are designing their own compass rose.

MUSIC

There are many exciting things happening in the music world at Zachary Elementary School! The students are exploring their singing voices and learning fun warm-up activities that get them moving. They are also practicing the difference between beat and rhythm. Third graders will soon begin working on the Christmas Musical, scheduled for performances December 14-18th, while the fourth grade students will begin playing recorders! Finally, I am pleased to announce that chorus rehearsals will start the week of September 14th! 3rd Grade Chorus members will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:20am, and 4th Grade Chorus will meet on September 16th, at 7:20am. Choir has been growing tremendously and will be the biggest it has ever been this year!



LIBRARY

Did you know that you can view your child's AR progress from home? Below is an explanation of Accelerated Reader Home Connect: [Renaissance Home Connect](#) is a tool that allows parents to log in to a web site and view a snapshot of their child's Accelerated Reader progress. That progress includes average percent correct on quizzes, number of points earned, and results on the last quiz. Parents also have the option to receive email notifications when their child has completed an AR Quiz. Below is the web address, <https://hosted65.renlearn.com/1636049/HomeConnect/Login.aspx> or you can access it directly from our Links page-http://zacharyelementary.org/?page_id=9 You will need to put in the student's username and password: username: `firstname.last name graduation year (2024 or 2025)` password: `initials and last 4 digits of social security number`.

YEARBOOKS!

VISIT

**WWW.ZACHARYELEMENTARY.ORG
FOR ORDERING INFO.**

\$30.00

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 4 Free Dress (Paid)
 Sept 7 Labor Day Holiday
 Sept 10 Papers go home
 Sept 17 Progress Reports
 Sept 22 ZEPTO meeting 6:30
 Sept 29 Star Student
 Breakfast 7:00am
 Sept 24 Papers go home
 Oct 2 Free Dress (Paid)

Top AR Points

200 Point Club

Brazelton, P

100 Point Club

Lampton, S

50 Point Club

Deroche, E

Heikes, J

Huggins, D

Lawrence, J

Varnado, C

25 Point Club

Barton, A

Burrell, B

Firven, M

Godbold, E

Mayes, F

Musselwhite, R

Todd, E



REMINDERS

Morning Arrival
7:35—8:00
Afternoon Dismissal
3:00
Car Riders Must be
picked up by 3:10

STUDENTS MUST WEAR THEIR
IDs EVERY DAY!

Parents: We will celebrate all student birthdays during lunch periods on specified dates. Please do not send or deliver any party food or other items.

Thanks for your cooperation!



Students are able to take AR tests before school each morning from **7:30 – 7:55 in the library. The schedule is as follows:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Leiva	Buell	Goza	Potts	Cassidy
Weston	Branigan	Norris	Wilkewitz	Deliberto
Talbot	Adkins	V. Williams	Brown	Patti
J. Williams	Dennis	Hamilton	Corcoran	Washington
McCurnin	Graham	Bridwell	Hunt	Moore
Graves	Howard	Scott	Noel	Wigger
Pelichet	Nunnery	Jones	Tortorich	Marchiafava

Pony Express 

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Almost every day after school you can find me pushing grandchildren on a backyard swing. Emmie, my three year old granddaughter, will continually proclaim “higher Pawpaw, higher”. Sometimes I am out of breath alternating between Emmie and my grandson, Jack. But it has not always been that way with Emmie. Two months earlier, she would scream in terror if anyone wanted to swing. We had to occupy (then 2 year old) Emmie inside the house anytime the others wanted to swing. It was traumatic to see her collapse into a state of anxiety and fear. I have left a small detail out of the story. This fear was not part of her genetic makeup. This started one day when she walked behind one of the swings that was at it’s load limit with two other Davis’. Her leg was broken in the collision. To make matters worse, her grandfather was babysitting. We soon realized that removing her from the swings was not the answer. It took many days (after the pink cast was removed) of demonstrating that the swings were safe and fun to get to the “higher Pawpaw higher” stage.

Without a doubt our children can become anxious over many things (a new school year, a new sport, a change in the household, a move, etc.). Our job as parents (and grandparents) is to protect our children. I sometimes tell my youngest that includes protecting her from herself. Fear and anxiety must sometimes be met head-on. To see Emmie now with her hair blowing in the wind and her bottom bouncing off the seat, you would never know that it had not always been this way.

We have had a smooth start to school, but I’m sure that some have entered our doors with some anxiety. Through the course of the year as they meet new friends and hear new things, we hope to build an excitement for their school experience. Thank you for doing your part. It is going to be a great year (with hopefully no broken bones)!



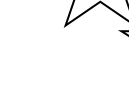
Dewey Davis

STAR STUDENTS



David Gaines
 Tyleke Robinson
 Selina Huang
 Amanda Le
 Kaitlyn Cavalier
 Kalyca Gresham
 Paris Fields
 Eddie Stewart
 Madison Major
 Sedra Gibson
 Kyriane White
 Dayton Brady

Kaylee Brown
 Geoffrey Folse
 Matthew Edwards
 Zoe Louis
 Korria Gordon
 Isabella Smith
 Martell Major
 Amari Wells
 Laya Selvaraj
 Jazmine Patterson
 Julia Blanchard
 Hayden Chemin



LaTavia Duncan
 Andre Condol
 Caitlyn Wynn
 Ella Brown
 Olivia Chesne
 Kaiden Martin
 Cailin Stein
 M'Laya Roberts
 Kaydance Johnson
 McKenzie Brown
 Nathan Gomila

