



3B Weekly News

February 26, 2016

Greetings to all 3B families!

I enjoyed seeing you at Math Night! That was a fun way to explore math!!!

This week we settled in from our Winter Break and a Delayed Start!!! Students continue to learn multiplication fact families, fractions of a dollar and math vocabulary!!! We are now utilizing Daily math activity that encourages a variety of strategies and operations.

Spelling continues to incorporate Framing Your Thoughts. I have also added a Word Sorting activity which was fun and a good way to explore word relationships. We are now utilizing a Daily Language activity which is a good way to practice editing skills, analogies, and spelling.

Students continue to practice cursive each day. This week the writing consisted of an opinion piece about their president. They wrote why their president should be considered the "Greatest President" of all time! They also wrote clues for the "Who Am I?" activity at Morning Meeting today. They did a wonderful job presenting their presidential clues to the grades 3-5. We continue to read and journal at Thomas Edison. This will be a piece of informational writing soon.

Students chose a scientist or inventor to research for a poster. We finished our inquiries of magnets and electricity.

I hope you saw the Invention assignment due Monday, March 7. This is intended to be a very simple invention and a way to learn about trial and error, scientific thinking and writing and sharing their thinking.

Next week I plan to start maple sugaring with the class. This depends on this tricky Vermont weather. Students will identify maple trees, track weather patterns, measure sap and predict the amount needed for syrup. With the help of

my "Mister" we will bring the sap to our sugarhouse, boil and hopefully have a "sweet treat" for students to enjoy!!! I am using money from a grant I received last year for supplies etc. So hopefully this will be a good local area active.

We will also be doing some winter tracking with the help of the White River Partnership. So a busy week ahead!!!

Have a great weekend!