



3B Weekly News

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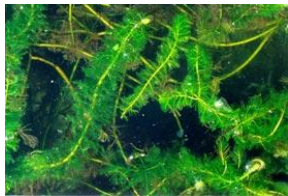
Greetings to all 3B families!

We have had a couple weeks of "experts" joining us in 3B! We have had Mr. Julian from VEEP - Vermont Energy Education Program - come in and teach about solar energy. Students used wire tree models and sticky notes as leaves to show how trees use the sun. This was a very interactive lesson, students both enjoyed and learned a lot about the topic.

We enjoyed Mr. "Rudi" from the White River Partnership. He taught the students about the watershed and again the importance of



White River trees near the river.



Miss Hannah from VINS came in to teach about milfoil as part of our plant classification unit. Students made observations and illustrations of the plant. They then read articles about removing milfoil from water sources, and then debated the best option for this work!

Mr. Sadowski joined us today and next week for a discussion of some local artifacts and a timeline of our town's development.

It is great to have "experts" lend their expertise to our learning community!

Students have finished and presented their local animal posters. This was part of the habitat work. We started with worldwide habitats, and I bring it in to our local area and what lives here as we begin our study of Hartford.



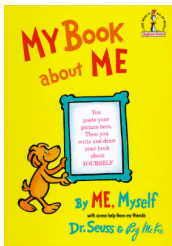
We are well into our study of our town. Students are in the process of creating a "pictogram" map which when completed is a nice keepsake of their learning.



I hoped you enjoyed the Habitat poetry book that went home this week. This was a way to integrate poetry during April's theme of poetry and our study of habitats. The students were very glad to share their work and proud of their ability to write a wide variety of poems.

We said bid farewell to "Ben" the therapy dog today. We have enjoyed his Friday presence and reading time. Students created a "Farewell" book of thoughts and

illustrations for sharing.



Our writing still focuses on students writing their autobiography. They are writing a minimum of four stories ranging from birth, family, Who Am I?, When I grow up. There are many other options to make the project more personalized. They are practicing their publishing skills as they make this piece of work into another third grade keepsake.

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Next week we will enjoy an author visit, more experts, and the concert!!!!

The third grade PTO "Raffle Basket" theme is Sports Fanatics! Suggested items to send in for including in this basket are: jump ropes, hula hoops, Nerf balls, sport sets, water bottles, baseball hats, sports pads, etc. Also the Book Drive is underway so any "gently used" books would be appreciated for this worthwhile cause.



These third graders are working hard, and also enjoying the work they're doing!!!!

We enjoyed another celebration today to acknowledge good choices and all of this hard work!!!!

Have a great weekend!!!