

# 3VT

## THIS WEEK...

### •ELA (ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS)

-During the writing block of Daily 5 we will focus on letter writing. We will be writing letters to different Chambers of Commerce around the state to ask for information about their cities. Later this year we will write reports about these cities.

-We will be reading the story "The Mighty Max Malone," from our reading books.

-As I introduced the listening portion of Daily 5 we learned about the reading concept of fluency. Over the course of the next couple of weeks we will continue to concentrate on and talk about fluency.

All of the kids have chosen poems and will practice reading them. Then we will record them so we can share them with you!

### •MATH

We are continuing our review of addition including carrying over columns.

Midweek we will shift over to a review of subtraction including borrowing. As we do this work we are using graph paper (getting read for notebook paper). This helps us "stack our problems up" and keep them nice and neat.

As long as the earth endures,  
seedtime and harvest,  
cold and heat,  
summer and winter,  
day and night  
will never cease.

Genesis 8:22

This Bible Memory will be due on 10/18

### •SCIENCE/SOCIAL STUDIES

We will be wrapping up our study of simple machines midweek this week. Then we will be moving on to our first social studies unit about the state of Michigan.

### •BIBLE

We are starting a two week Bible unit that covers "Sin comes into the world." It includes the Fall, Cain and Able, the Flood, and the Tower of Babel. The kids will have a Bible test on this material on 10/18, along with the memory verse, listed above.

### •HOMEWORK

As the school year progresses you will notice the homework grow and change a bit. It is our hope as third grade teachers that the homework grows and changes in order to better challenge the kids and prepare them for fourth grade. It will continue to keep the same format due Tuesday through Friday, sent home on Monday, throughout the school year. I will not always be able to post the homework on the website, depending on the sources the work comes from.

Seedtime & harvest, Cold & heat, summer & winter, day & night

What a fitting Bible memory verse for the fall, especially after the cool and cloudy Sunday that we had. My son Neal turned 5 this past weekend. Our children's birthdays are another way to mark the time! I am so amazed and pleased and thankful to see him grow. Yet I always struggle a little bit with my kids' birthdays, time goes by so quickly (I'm pretty sure I'm not the only mom that feels that way). What comfort is it to know that God has Neal's days and years all taken care of. He also has Silas's and Jackson's, and Cassidy's, and Bryant's, and Nicks....You get the idea. 😊

Our current read-aloud book is called Joey Pigza Swallowed the Key by Jack Gantos. It is the story of a boy named Joey who gets into all sorts of trouble. For example, on a bet he swallows his house key and has to let "nature take its course." Poor Joey tries to control himself and just can't—but he always means well. This book is a favorite of the kids because Joey is such a loveable and well-meaning character. It is a favorite of mine to read because it really helps kids empathize with others who are different from them. One of the exciting things about third grade is that the kids are ready to start thinking outside of themselves and try on other's perspectives. Reading this novel assists kids in thinking through some of this.

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