

MARCH NEWS

Mrs. Shiflett 3rd Grade Class

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Lucky Learning!



Writing: This week we started studying informational writing. Students will create lists of things they know a lot about and would be able to share that information with others. This is not a research project. This paper will be written from things they already know. I will pose these questions to students: "What is a topic I know a lot about and could teach to someone else?" Ask students if they can think of something they could write about. Have them share some of the information they know.

Family Fun Night: Third and fourth grade families will have Family Fun Night on Wednesday, March 15th. Family Fun night for first and second grades will be held on Monday, March 6th.

WRITING: In class we began discussing a new type of writing called realistic fiction stories. Ask your child what realistic fiction is. (A story that could happen in real life but has made up characters.) Next week, we will start to brainstorm some story ideas of our own.

M-Step: This year the third graders will be taking The Michigan-Student Test of Educational Progress (M-STEP) which has replaced the MEAP test from years past. As in Previous years, English Language Arts (reading, writing and listening) and Mathematics will be assessed in third grade. The third grade testing window will be Monday, May 1st through Friday, May 26th. To look at sample question Please go to:

<https://wbte.drcedirect.com/MI/portals/mi/>

You must use **GOOGLE CHROME**.
Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Typing Skills: In the spring students will take the M-Step electronically. They will be expected to type in their answers. We have been practicing typing at school when possible. Students struggle still to use home row keys and are typing very slowly. Any practice will be greatly helpful to them. There are great websites on Mrs. Carr's webpage that students could use at home to work on typing skills. I will add some typing links to my page as well.



Ask Your Child

- What are your thoughts and feelings about taking the M-step in May?
- What is a topic you know a lot about?
 - Where is your spring fundraiser?



Teacher Notes

MARCH is Reading Month

Remember 20 minutes before bed gets your child ahead!

Monday we will have our One School One Book Kick Off. Make sure to ask to see this years book when your child comes home!

Upcoming Dates:

March 3rd—Fundraiser Kick Off
March 17th—Fundraisers Due/Popcorn Friday
March 31st—No School
April 1st-9th—Spring Break NO SCHOOL
April 10th —Return to School
April 14th—No School—Good Friday

Box Tops—Send in those box tops and soup label. Let's win the March/April competition.

				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Popcorn Friday *Fundraiser Kick Off
6 Bully Blue Out	7	8	9	10
13	14	15 3rd/4th Grade Family Fun Night	16	17 Popcorn Friday *Fund raisers Due
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31 No School



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