

Ms. Karr's Classroom News

October 2019

Dear 3rd Grade Parents,

September was off to a fabulous start! The students are an eager and enthusiastic group. I look forward to a wonderful 3rd grade year.

The HAWK-a-thon is starting this week! If you are new to Creekside it is a very fun week-long event that includes prizes, spirit days, and a cotton candy recess. It is the ONE and ONLY fundraiser that our PTSA does each year. Thank you for your support of our amazing PTSA!

Upcoming Events

October 4	HAWK-A-THON kick off assembly – FULL HAWK GEAR
October 7	True BLUE Monday
October 8	Mean GREEN Tuesday
October 9	Crazy Hair Day
October 10	Wolf GREY Thursday
October 11	FULL HAWK BLUE FRIDAY
October 14	NO SCHOOL – Teacher work day
October 18	Book Orders Due
October 20	Secret Pumpkin Pals chosen
October 23	No School – Teacher workday
October 25	PTSA Halloween Bash
October 31	Fall Fun Event! Parent Volunteers Needed (2-3:30) Have a safe Halloween!

I am sending home some reading information that I have gathered this past month. PLEASE know that this is where we are starting and this data is being used to help me understand what we need to focus on this year. Next week you will find a letter that includes information regarding reading levels. Your child's reading level is included on the back of that letter.

Fall FUN



We will have a fall celebration on October 31st from 2:20-3:30. Students will be participating in some hands-on science and technology activities. Volunteers that can work with groups during this time would be much appreciated. Please let me know if you are available to help out.

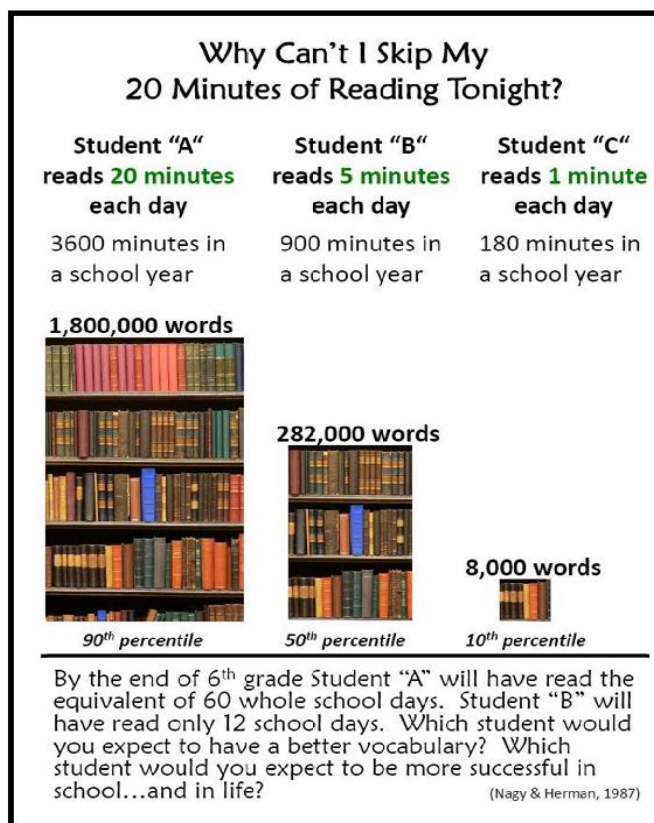


Curriculum Highlights

Reading

This month we are going to be working on visualizing and making inferences in reading. We will focus on making inferences using our background knowledge.

Please read below to see why reading at home is so critical!



Math

In October we will finish up Module 1 and start our work on Module 2. Please watch for the Module 1 assessment to come home next week. We will go over it in class and you should see corrections made by your student in red.

TIP: Please practice skip-counting up and down by 2, 3, and 4 when in the car or during down time at home. Skip-counting is proving to be an AMAZING way to increase fluency!

Writer's Workshop

During the month of September we were busy setting up our writing workshop. Each workshop begins with a mini-lesson, then writing and conferencing, and we end with a sharing time.



We will start writing informational papers next month. We will start this work by looking at what makes a good paragraph. We will focus on how to use elaboration in our writing to make it more interesting to the reader.



Secret Pumpkin Time

What is a Secret Pumpkin? Beginning on Wednesday, October 25th and continuing for five days, each student in our class will become a secret pal for another student in the class. We will draw names on October 20th so you will have a few days to prepare for this event. Each day secret pals should bring a brief note of kindness that will help build self-esteem and foster friendships. The identity of each partner is a secret; so try to encourage creative ways to accomplish this task. The goal is to have fun while developing appreciation for fellow students. The secret identities will be revealed right before our first classroom auction! Look for more information on Secret Pumpkin Pals to come...

Interested in Volunteering, Chaperoning a field trip this year or coming to school for Parent Play Date?

Then you need to sign up online to complete the Washington State Patrol background check: The process for completing the WSP (Washington State Patrol) forms to volunteer in a classroom or on a field trip has changed. All volunteers have to be authorized every year. Please follow the directions below to complete this process. Volunteers will not be allowed to volunteer unless they have been authorized at the **district level**. Begin here:

<https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmplus.net>

Tip: At the end of the application it will ask you to scan your driver's license. If you don't have a scanner you may take a picture of your driver's license with your phone and send it to your computer. Save it to your desktop and then browse for it to add to this system.

Thank you for volunteering at Creekside!

Again, thank you for reading this newsletter and for all the support and encouragement you have given to me this past month. I look forward to seeing you and working with you more this year. If you have any questions, please contact me at karrs@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Sincerely,
Shannon Karr

