



The Holdorf Hubbub!

Literacy:

We have started a reading unit delving into examining characters in books more deeply. We are reading Kate DiCamillo's book Because of Winn-Dixie as a mentor text for the unit. We also just finished up a nonfiction writing unit in which each student wrote about a topic they thought they were very knowledgeable about. They created their own books complete with chapters and a Table of Contents. Once I complete the grading and give students the chance to share their work with each other, I will send them home so that you can see their work.

Valentines:

The class list of students' names was in Friday Folders last week. Students can bring Valentines in to class to distribute anytime now-Feb. 13th. Students' bags are already hanging up in our room. Our Valentine party will take place from 11:30-12:15 on Tuesday the 13th. It will be low-key, but you are welcome to pop in if you like.

Concert

Mr. Shepperd has had the third-graders working hard to prepare a great concert for you the evening of Thursday, February 15th. They will be performing for the school on Thursday afternoon, the 15th, as well. Hope to see you all there.

Math

We are working on a variety of measurement skills throughout our latest unit (time, volume, length, mass) along with some fraction work. Right now we are focusing on the fractions. Students are learning how to place fractions on number lines, how to sketch fractions in picture form, compare fraction sizes, and solve story problems involving fractions.

Field Trip

We are going downtown next Wednesday to see the Portland Youth Conservatory perform. We will be loading buses at 8:20 and returning between 11:30-11:45. All 3rd graders will need to bring a cold lunch that day to eat when we return to school, as we will miss our regular lunch time. It is also an early release day. Don't forget dismissal time is 12:15.

Coming Up...

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| 2/9 | Horseshoe Hop 6-7:30 pm |
| 2/13 | Valentine Party 11:30-12:15 |
| 2/14 | Youth Orchestra Field Trip |
| 2/14 | Early Release 12:15 pm |
| 2/15 | 3rd Grade Concert 6:30 pm |
| 2/19 | President's Day No School |

Have a wonderful weekend!

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