



# The Holdorf Hubbub!

## Social Studies:

*You might have heard from your child that we are learning about research and how text features help us in nonfiction literature. We have been doing activities around this in literacy instruction as well as our social studies time. Soon, students will be working in assigned groups to begin research about a specific country. Each student in the group is going to become the "expert" in a few different categories (e.g. sports, arts, history, geography, famous people, food, etc.) It will culminate in a 3rd grade country fair including all 3rd grade classes toward the end of the trimester (March 14th). You will all be invited in to browse our country fair. We are doing the majority of the research here at school, but if kids want to look things up at home that is fine. They can print things out, or jot down notes at home and bring them in. Later in the unit (sometime in February or early March) they will have a home project as their homework...stay tuned. I am going to assign students their country next week.*

## MATH

We are currently working on time concepts. The 3rd grade standard is to be able to tell time on an analog clock to the nearest minute. Also, students should be able to solve story problems

involving elapsed time. Any additional help with these concepts at home is much appreciated. IXL does have some practice problems that relate to these concepts.

We are also continuing to do our multiplication timed tests twice a week in efforts to keep kids mastering their multiplication facts.

## Steps To Respect

Steps to Respect is an anti-bullying curriculum that focuses on conflict resolution skills as well as practicing recognizing, refusing, and reporting bullying behavior and situations. Students do some role-playing and discussion to learn and practice these skills, which students can use when conflicts arise. In two weeks, Mrs. Burke (our counselor) will start coming to our class once a week for this series of 6 lessons.

## Coming Up...

- 1/15 MLK Jr. Day NO SCHOOL
- 1/24 Early Release 12:15 Dismissal
- 2/14 Field Trip-Portland Youth Orch.
- 2/15 3rd Grade Concert 6:30 pm

**Every Friday Middleton Spirit Day!**



Have a wonderful weekend!

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