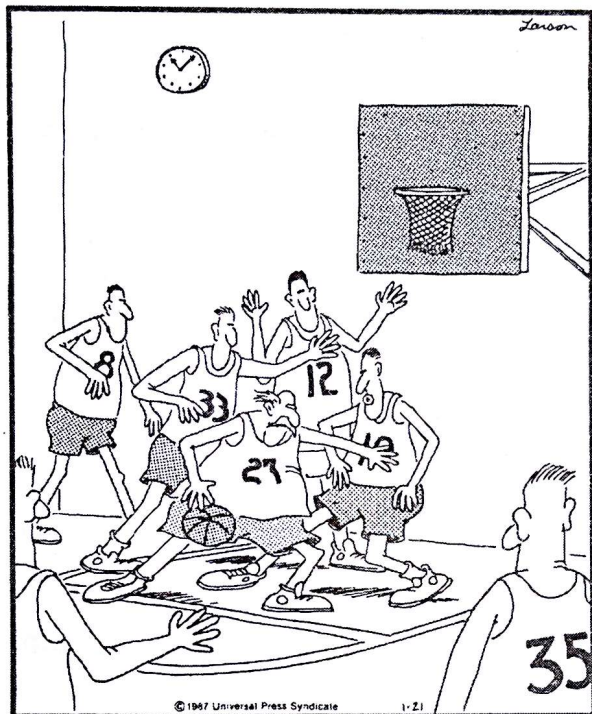


NEWSLETTER

THE FAR SIDE—by Gary Larson



Unbeknownst to most historians, Einstein started down the road of professional basketball before an ankle injury diverted him into science.

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If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email us!

Each third grade class will be taking an ecology field trip soon with Mr. Leki to Sauganash Forest Preserve. We take these field trips three times a year (Fall, Winter, and Spring). The dates for the first of the upcoming field trips are: Room 204:

October 19th (9:30AM-12:30PM)

Room 201: October 20th (9:30AM-12:30PM)

Room 202: October 27th (9:30AM-12:30PM)

(If a strike occurs, and these dates are cancelled, we will let you know the rescheduled dates).

This newsletter is being written on Thursday, October 6th. As of this writing, we are not sure if there will be a strike or not, or how long a strike might last. Therefore, there is no date on the top of this newsletter. If the strike lasts a long time, we may need to back up and review some things, so we've omitted the next page with the subject updates, as it will depend on how long (or if) there is a strike. Thanks for your understanding!

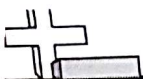
Third Grade Website

<http://watersschoolthirdgrade.weebly.com>

Language Arts Homework Week of ???

For their language arts homework this week, students are to read a MINIMUM of 20 minutes a night in a best-fit book of their choice. Please initial or sign to show that students have read the requisite amount of minutes.

Day	Name of Book(s)	Student Initials	Parent Signature
Monday	No School (Columbus Day) (If a Monday after strike, this is a free day!)		
Tuesday			
Wednesday			
Thursday			



Solve each problem.

Answers

- 1) Faye spent thirteen minutes drawing at school and three minutes drawing at home. How many minutes total did she spend drawing?
- 2) For Halloween Frank got ten pounds of candy and Gwen got seven pounds of candy. What is the combined weight they received?
- 3) A clown gave away seven balloons to girls and six balloons to boys. How many balloons did he give away total?
- 4) Roger was packing up his old toys. He filled eleven boxes with action figures and two boxes with old games. How many boxes did he pack total?
- 5) While playing a game John had five points. If he scored another two points, how many points would he have total?
- 6) Tom walked four miles on Monday and two more on Tuesday. How many miles did Tom walk?
- 7) Edward has eight shirts. Later he bought seven more shirts. How many shirts does Edward have total?
- 8) A fast food restaurant sold fourteen small hotdogs and five large hotdogs. How many hotdogs did they sell total?
- 9) There were six people on the bus. At the next stop three more people got on the bus. How many people are there on the bus now?
- 10) A store sold eight cold drinks and three hot drinks. How many drinks did they sell total?
- 11) A pet store had eight birds that talked and eight that didn't. How many birds did the pet store have total?
- 12) A pet store had six kittens. If they got another three kittens, how many would they have total?

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A One-Room School

by Bobbie Kalman

The Schoolhouse

It may be difficult to believe, but there was a time when few communities had schools. Children were taught at home, at a neighbor's house, or received no education at all. When a community grew and there were a number of children in an area, the settlers gathered together and built a schoolhouse. With hard work and cooperation, a log schoolhouse could be built quickly.

The First Schools

Early schoolhouses had four walls and a roof. One or two windows allowed in just enough sunlight for students to see their work. Long, slanting shelves were attached to the two side walls. These shelves served as desks. Children sat on three-legged stools or simple benches. The teacher's desk, made of rough planks, faced the students. The fireplace barely kept the classroom warm in the winter.

Later Schools

As more families sent their children to school, a larger building was needed. The new school had two entrances—one for the girls and one for the boys. Proper desks were purchased to replace the shelves and benches. The girls sat on one side of the room, and the boys on the other. The youngest children sat at the front of the classroom, close to

VOCABULARY

Proper means
suitable or right.

the teacher. Behind the teacher was a blackboard. A wood stove heated the classroom.

The Teacher Rules!

To become a teacher, a man or woman had to be able to read, write, and handle rough-and-ready students. Most teachers were men. They were called schoolmasters. Female teachers had to be single. Once a woman married, she was not allowed to continue teaching in the school.

Hiring the Teacher

When a new teacher arrived in town, he or she was given food and shelter. Every family in the community paid a small amount of money for the teacher's salary and took turns boarding the teacher. The families that could not pay with money gave the teacher goods such as corn. The goods were then traded for money or other items at the general store.

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To *board* is to provide a place to live and to sleep.

Teaching the Children

One teacher instructed all the children in the school. He or she taught as many as eight grades at a time. The class was divided into four groups, each with an upper and lower grade. If there were many children in a community, only the older students were allowed to attend school during the school year. A female teacher was hired to teach the younger children during the summer months.

Keeping Order in the Classroom

The teacher did more than teach the children. He or she also had to keep order in the school. With children of all ages learning different things at the same time, good behavior was important. It was the responsibility of the teacher to punish children who misbehaved.

