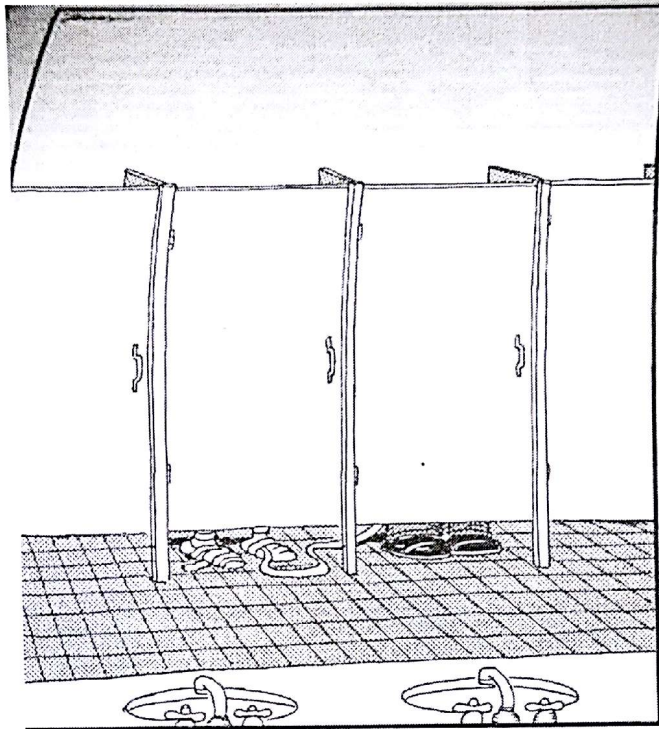


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It was an innocent mistake, but nevertheless, a moment later Maurice found himself receiving the full brunt of the mummy's wrath.

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

Notes

There will be no school this Friday, November 4th for Professional Development Day.

Parent-Teacher conferences for Report Card pickup are next Wednesday, November 9th. Starting tomorrow (Tuesday), we will have sign-up sheets before and after school to sign up for times. You can also email us with times that work for you and we'll let you know what we have available. We encourage every student to attend the conferences with their parents, if possible!

Third Grade Website

<http://watersschoolthirdgrade.weebly.com>

Social Studies

This week, we will continue discussing how the United States of America was formed. Students will learn about the first European communities in North America.

Math

This week in math we are going to focus on grouping, skip-counting, and composing stories that demonstrate multiplication number sentences in our continuing unit on learning the conceptual ideas behind how multiplication works.

Science

This week we will look at the relationship between sound, vibration, and volume through some hands-on investigations in class.

Language Arts

This week most students will begin Lesson 6 of our *Storytown* curriculum. The robust vocabulary words that students are continuing to practice in Lesson 6 are *skim, span, contribution, initiative, midst, shabby, dazed, elevated, embarrass, collapses*. The story we are reading for this lesson is *The Babe and I*, an example of the historical fiction genre. The lesson test will be Thursday, November 10th. The language arts homework this week (and every week) will be a reading log for your child. Please take the time to initial it every day. We expect students to be reading at least 20 minutes every night.

Because the next two weeks are short weeks, we will be giving out a new spelling sort today (Monday), but the spelling test will not be until next Tuesday, November 8th. We will do three days of activities with the words this week, and one activity next week.

Writing

This week in Writing Workshop we will work on a short term descriptive writing project. Students will chose a favorite season and describe that season using the five senses. They will outline their piece using a planning chart, and use the ideas on the planning chart to write the final product.

Language Arts Homework Week of 10/31/16

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 | | | |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | | |
| Thursday | No School Friday | | |

Words Their Way (W.T.W.) Spelling Activities Menu
Week of 10/31/16

Students will be given their sorts on Monday. They are to cut out their words and put them in a plastic bag so they can do their sorting activities throughout the week at home.

Monday Night

Speed Sorts: Sort your words according to the categories on the top of the Word Sort sheet and time yourself sorting them (using a clock, a stopwatch, or a stopwatch app on a phone). Try at least three different times, and make sure to mix them up before each try. Write down your best time below!

BEST SORTING TIME: _____

Tuesday Night

Open Sort: Sort your words in a new and different way than the categories that were given on the sheet. Here are some example categories you may use: Number of syllables, plural and singular, ending letter, double letters, parts of speech, compound or singular words, number of letters, alphabetical order, ending (ing, ed, es...), prefixes/suffixes, etc. Or, try to make up and find your own categories! Make up at least three categories to sort your words by, and write them down below.

Your categories: _____

Wednesday Night

Blind Sort

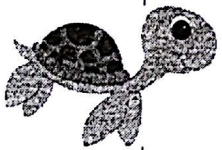
For this activity, you need to work with a partner (a parent, grandparent, brother, sister, Aunt, Uncle, etc). You will write your pre-made categories at the top of the paper that follows, and your partner will call out a random word from your sort (have them call 10 random words). Without looking at the word, write it in the correct category. Try to visualize the word and how it is spelled according to its pattern.

| CATEGORY | CATEGORY | Blind Sort CATEGORY | CATEGORY | CATEGORY |
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| _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Animal Multiplication Word Problems

Solve each word problem in the box next to it. Use a strategy like repeated addition, arrays, or grouping to solve the problem. Don't forget to write the multiplication problem with the answer!

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| <p>1) There are 3 nests in a tree. Each nest has 5 baby birds in each. How many birds are there all together?</p> | |
| <p>2) There are 4 sea turtles. Each sea turtle lays 2 eggs. How many eggs did they lay all together?</p> | |
| <p>3) A butterfly has 6 spots. There are 5 butterflies. How many spots do they have all together?</p> | |
| <p>4) There are 8 bats in a cave. Each bat has 2 wings. How many wings do they have all together?</p> | |
| <p>5) There are 7 birds. Each bird has one beak. How many beaks are there all together?</p> | |



SKIP COUNTING SONGS

3's Song (tune of "Jingle Bells") <https://youtu.be/PniGUUtF6eU>

3, 6, 9
12, 15 18, 21
24, & 27
30 and we're done!

4's Song (tune of "Happy Birthday")

4, 8, 12, 16
20, 24, 28
32, & 36
Skipping numbers is just great!

6's Song (tune "She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain")

6, 12, 18, 24, & 30 Yeehaw!
36, & 42, & 48 Yeehaw!
54, & 60 Countin' by six is really nifty.
It will help us when we multiply by six. Yehaw!

7's Song (tune of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow")

7, 14, 21, 28
35, 42, 49
56, 63, & 70— 77, & 84

8's Song (tune of "ABC / Twinkle Twinkle")

Come and sing a song of eights!
8, 16, & 24
32, & 40
48, & 56 64, & 72
80, 88, 96

9's Song (tune "We Wish You a Merry Christmas")

9, 18, & 27
36, & 45
54, & 63
72, 81 90,
& 99 & 1-0-8
We know all of our nines. Now isn't that great!

12's Song (tune of "Lone Ranger") - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1zJlxV9B_W0

12, 24, 36, & 48
60, 72, & 84
96, 1-0-8, 120
132, & 144