

The Trujillo Times
October 2, 2015

The Week: It's hard to believe the first nine weeks of school is already half over, but it is! This week in Math we started our Estimation Jar. I fill a jar with different items each week (this time it's lima beans) and the children have to use their estimation skills to make a reasonable guess as to how many of that particular item are in the jar. Each child is required to make five guesses a week and at the end of the week we count the items together and then see who had the closest guess. The winner receives a free punch on their Earn and Return cards!

We finished up our first chapter in Science and will be testing this coming Thursday, October 8th. In Art Ms. Katje taught the children to create birch tree pastel drawings. I saw some of them and they are quite lovely!

Word of the Week: Responsibility. This is doing what you say you are going to do without having to be constantly reminded. This is completing your homework and classwork without having to be told over and over again. Please speak with your children this weekend about ways they can be responsible 3rd grade students.

Tip of the Week: Have your children help pack their own lunches! The food your children eat help fuel their bodies to play, learn, and grow!

Reminders:

→Please continue to look over your child's homework each night, even if he or she completed it in afterschool. It is important that you know exactly what is being learned about in school each day.

→I sent home an addition and subtraction fact practice page this week as homework. Please be sure your child is doing a one-minute timing for each of these every night, and then look over the problems afterwards, making any necessary corrections. **Please do not do the whole sheet in one night!** I want the children to build their speed and memorization skills. Another sheet will go home Monday.

→Also in your child's folder is an orange Math Fact Practice Log. This log counts as HW credit and is to be completed by **October 29**. You should take a couple of minutes each day to review the basic facts of addition and subtraction. We will be starting multiplication soon and I need each child to be able to recall these facts quickly and accurately. Acceptable activities for this log are: flash card practice, timed drills (not the ones I send home for homework), computer games, Apps (2048 is a good one for multiplication), etc.

Trivia Question: Answer the following question for **10 credits!!!** Write your answer somewhere on this newsletter. Your parents may (and are encouraged) to help you.

“What is the world's largest living species of lizard?”

Spelling List (r-controlled vowel er)

grasshopper	interview	newcomer	tether	shudder
interpret	shrubbery	interloper	newsletter	interlock

This section is for you! Feel free to write any questions, comments, or concerns you may have. **Please sign and return!**

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