

The Trujillo Times  
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**The Week:** This week in Math we began learning about multiplication properties and how to write and solve equations using variables. We've been talking about this throughout the year so the children caught onto the concept quickly. We will most likely be testing the end of next week. In Language Arts we learned about text features and how they can help you gain a better understanding of the story or text you are reading.

We also had a special visitor this week—Mr. Harvey Baxter. He is a member of the rotary club and he stopped by to give each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student a dictionary. Not only did he give out the dictionaries, he also walked the kids through some fun activities. If your children have not already told you about his visit, please ask them all about it this weekend.

In Science we began learning about stars. We are going to put this on hold until we get back from Spring Break because I am going to use afternoons next week to expose the children to the FSA format. We will complete the practice tests as a class in a very low-stress way.

**Word of the Week:** Wonder. A feeling caused by seeing something that is very surprising, beautiful, amazing, etc. We spoke about curiosity and how important it is to wonder about the things in the world around us.

**Reminders:**

→ Next **Thursday, March 17**, is Parent Involvement Night. It is **the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade science fair** so please come out and show them some support! They have been working hard on these projects for a while now and are excited to share their results. The science fair will run from **6:00-7:00**, but plan to arrive early (5:45) for yummy snacks. I hope to see you all there! ☺

→ **Spring Break** is only 1 week away!! I will be sending home a small packet of review sheets for the children to complete, as well as an answer key so you can check their work. This assignment is optional but highly encouraged. Since **FSA** testing begins the Tuesday we return from break, I want the information to stay fresh in their heads.

→ Please continue to practice those basic math facts on a nightly basis! It is very important for the children to be able to recall them quickly.

→ Remember to ask your children what they did in P.E. and Art this week.

**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. "Sherpas are natives of which country?"

Spelling List (words about space/the planet Earth)

axis	revolution	rotation	constellation	universe
galaxy	reflection	telescope	solstice	nebula

This section is for you! Feel free to write any questions, comments, or concerns you may have.  
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