

Third Grade News

May 29, 2014

Number Twenty-Seven

Upcoming Events:

Fri. May 30, 8:40: **Wax Museum preview**
at Lower School Assembly

1-3: **Wax Museum projects: volunteers!**

Tues. June 3, 2-3: **Colonial Wax Museum**

Wed. June 4, 3:15: **3rd Grade Strings**
concert in the Music Room

Thurs. June 5: End of the year class
party at the Middleburg Tennis Club

Fri. June 6: No School for Lower School
Happy Summer Vacation!

Colonial Wax Museum

Tues. June 3, from 2 to 3

Each child will be in costume, with a display, sharing facts, stories, and a speech about a colonial person.

We are looking for a few items:

Apothecary: Aubrie & Chiara

Basketmaker: Maggie

Blacksmith: David

Brickmaker: Gus & Tim: **bricks, stomping bin**

British General William Howe: Alex **boots**

Cabinetmaker/Joiner: Aris **cabinet**

Candlemaker: Anya & Cyna **candle mold**

Gaolkeeper: Charlie **Ball & chain, irons, handcuffs**

George Washington: Sammy

Gunsmith: Jude & Mac **Flintlock**

Milliner: Anja & Lindsay

Printer: Mallory

Silversmith: Henry

Soldier: Andrew & Field (**Alexander Hamilton**)

Spinner: Russell

Weaver: Ellie

Woodwright (builder): Wright

Please come and enjoy!

Bags for Packing Up

Each day next week we will be sending home some your child's work and belongings. Please make sure to send a big, EMPTY, sturdy bag each day. We hope to have nothing left on Thursday, so that children can leave for the class party unencumbered.



Mrs. Israel's Guacamole Recipe

Ingredients

- 1 avocado
- 2 tsp chopped onions
- 2 tsp lime juice
- 2 tsp cilantro (optional)
- 1/4 to 1/2 tsp chopped/minced garlic

Directions

- 1) scoop avocado into a bowl
- 2) pout onions, cilantro, garlic, and lime juice into the same bowl
- 3) Mash and mix all together
- 4) Enjoy!

Class Party

Our class party will be at the Middleburg Tennis Club next Thursday. We will dismiss at 12:30 from the Lower School circle.

If your child needs a ride, please contact the room mothers. We need permission (verbal or written) in order for a child to ride in another parent's car. The party will end at 3, and everyone should be picked up at the Tennis Club.

Lunch will be provided. Make sure to bring swimming suits, towels, goggles, and a bag to hold wet gear.



Favorite Authors

Avi
Judy Blume
Betsy Byars
Beverly Cleary
Sharon Creech
Roald Dahl
Eoin Colfer
Kate DiCamillo
Eleanor Estes
Sid Fleischman
Jean Craighead George
Adam Gidwitz
Mary Downing Hahn
James Howe
Johanna Hurwitz
Dick King-Smith
Brian Jacques
Catherine Jinks
C.S. Lewis
Kenneth Oppel
Gary Paulsen
Robert Newton Peck
Tamora Pierce
Rick Riordan
Louis Sachar
Bill Wallace
Laura Ingalls Wilder

Favorite Series

A to Z Mysteries by Ron Roy (3.0–4.1)
Animorphs by KA Applegate (3.3-4.9)
Catwings by Ursula Le Guin (3.7-4.3)
Childhood of Famous Americans (3.4-6.7)
Dragons (4.1-5.2) by Chris d’Lacey
Dragon Keepers by Kate Klimo (4.1-5.3)
Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins (4.7-5.0)
Hardy Boys by Franklin W. Dixon
Julia Gillian by Alison McGhee (5.2-5.3)
The Littles (3.3-3.6)
Little Wolf by Ian Whybrow (3.9-4.4)
Mrs. Piggle-Wiggle by Betty MacDonald (4.9-5.5)
My Father’s Dragon by Ruth Stiles Gannett (4.6-5.6)
My Weird School by Dan Gutman (3.3-4.4)
Nancy Drew by Carolyn Keene
Percy Jackson and the Olympians by Rick Riordan
(4.1-6.7)
Pony Pals (3.1-4.2)
Redwall (5.0-6.3) by Brian Jacques
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
(6.2-7.4)*
Sisters Grimm by Michael Buckley (4.8-5.3)
Spiderwick by Tony DiTerlizzi (3.9-8.1)
Troll Fell by Katherine Langrich (4.3-4.5)
Warriors and Seekers by Erin Hunter
Who Was ... (Biographies) by various authors (4.1-6.1)

* Rating inflated due to difficult vocabulary.
Words are defined in the text.

Recommended
Reads
for
Rising
4th
Graders

Great Books to Read Aloud
that you may have missed

Abel’s Island by William Steig (5.9)
Island of the Blue Dolphins by Scott O’Dell (5.4)
Where the Red Fern Grows by Wilson Rawls (4.7)
The Hobbit by JRR Tolkien (6.6)
Chronicles of Prydain series by Lloyd Alexander
(5.2-6.2)

*Any book with rich language that is too advanced
for your child to read independently,
including classics you enjoyed as a child!*

Summer Reading is...
For fun...
For learning...
For challenging yourself.
Choose great books from
throughout your own range!

Summer Reading FAQ's

1. What's the goal?
 - to enjoy reading this summer
 - to return to school ready to read
 - to keep your reading "muscle" fit
 - to take AR tests on at least 5 books at your level
2. What's the best way to reach my goal?
 - READ EVERY DAY!
 - Have a reading plan. Choose a time of day that works best for you and your family.
 - Choose reading material that you want to read for 30 minutes or more at a sitting.
3. What books should I read?
 - Read books you like!
 - Read books you are able to read fluently on your own.
 - Remember, if you "stumble" over more than five words on a page, you should choose a different book. If you really want to read this book, enjoy it as a read-aloud with a parent, and discuss the tricky words and ideas.
 - A good guide in choosing books is the Accelerated Reader rating.
4. Do I have to read only "Accelerated Reader" books?
 - No! But...
 - You must take tests on at least 5 books by logging into Accelerated Reader through the Hill School website's Arundel Family Library link.
 - Accelerated Reader helps you choose books to read independently. You can check the reading level of books at the website www.arbookfind.com which can be accessed through the Hill School library website.
 - Read magazines, graphic novels, and other genres if you want, but make sure to read for a sustained period of time every day! Build that muscle!