Mrs. Morgan’s 3rd grade class

Although we only were in school three days this week, the students in room 422 accomplished many things!

Of course we began the week learning our way around our new room and brainstorming lists for our new class rules. Mrs. Morgan has only two rules: Work hard, and be nice. Together, the class came up with other ways to describe what Working hard and being nice meant. They came up with great lists and have been practicing those rules all week!

Our classroom behavior plan was also introduced. Like in the “real” world, our classroom operates using a token economy. Students earn “funny money” dollars for class jobs, making good choices and being a good role model. Likewise, they will be issued citations for breaking any of our classroom rules.

Every Friday students will have an opportunity to run a classroom store and purchase items with their earned funny money.

First week in room 422!!

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Reading

Over the next few weeks, Mrs. Morgan will begin assessing each student and placing them in reading groups. Reading groups are typically made up of 3-5 students who are reading the same text. Groups will meet with me daily to discuss their specific books.

Be watching for more information on our school wide “Book It” program coming home soon!

Don’t forget to send in a snack for your child!

Please send a nutritious snack and a bottle of water to school every day.

Writer’s Workshop

Beginning next week, students will meet for a writer’s workshop three-four times weekly.

Over the next few weeks, students will be talking about the reasons behind the writing.

We will try to answer the question, “Why do we write?”

As we begin new writing projects next week we will also focus on basic writing conventions such as using capital letters and punctuation.

Spelling also begins this week. Look for your words in your Friday folder as well as on...

Bible

In the coming weeks in Bible class, we will dig deeply into the beginning of creation.

We will begin to study the book of Genesis and how God created the heavens and the earth. We will discuss how all living things come from Him. By merely speaking the words, it was done.

Bible Verses are coming home today. Look in your Friday folder.

You can also see the verses on our classroom website.
Math

Students are now familiar with the many Math books and tools we will be using throughout this year.

Next week we will begin our very first unit. Students can expect Math homework almost every night. (except Wednesday)

The homework will be reinforcing ideas that were taught that day.

This year students will also be working on their multiplication and division facts. We are not ready to begin these yet, but we will be starting within the next few weeks. You may begin practicing with flash cards at home now!

We will begin quizzing with the ones, and work all the way through the twelves.

Science

Our first unit in Science will intertwine with our first Unit in Bible.

We will be looking at the wonderful living creatures that are God’s creation. We will look at where the live and how they survive.

It looks as though it will be a very exciting unit on God’s magnificent creations!

Social Studies

Our first unit in Social Studies will be our Community around us.

Students will look at government and communities at a local level.

Make sure you check your child’s Friday folders for other important information
Mrs. Morgan’s 3rd grade

Please Note:
Beginning next week, all newsletter will be available ONLINE only!
Find ours on renweb, or at our class website!
http://mrsdmorgan.edublogs.org/

Star of the Week…coming Soon!

We will be selecting of first star of the week next week! Watch for the “star” tote bag to be making its way to a student’s home.

All the information you need will be inside the tote. If your child isn’t selected the first week, don’t worry, we have time for ALL students to be the Star of the week!

Send a note…not an email

As you can imagine, while in the classroom with your children I am constantly busy. I rarely am able to check my email throughout the day. If you have something important that I need to know, please send a note with your child. You may also call the school with any important information and they will make sure that I receive it.

I enjoy having the ability to communicate with you via email, I just want to make sure that anything important; ie; transportation changes, changes in contact information, medical information, allergies, etc. is given to me in the form of a written note or phone call.

I’m grateful for your understanding and patience with this as we try to implement this way of communication.

Have a great weekend :)
Serving Him by serving you,
Mrs. Morgan