



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Newsletter

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## Look What We Have to "Wag" About!



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**ELA:** Here are some of the things the students will be learning about:

- Our new ELA Theme Unit: Relationships
- Literary Text: Dolphin Tale
- Nonfiction Text: Winter's Tail
- Standards:
  - Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding
  - Recount stories
  - Describe characters
  - Determine the main idea and key details
  - Compare and contrast key details presented in two texts
- Phonics:
  - Long "i" spelled: i, ie, y, i\_e, igh
  - Long "o" spelled: o, oa, o\_e
  - Long "o" spelled: ow, oe, ough
  - Long "u" spelled: ue, ew, u\_e
- Writing: informative/explanatory text

**MATH:**

The students will focus on the following concepts:

- Two-three step comprehension problems using all four operations
- Multiplication/division fluency within 100
- Fractions

Please support your child as they use the strategies that are taught in class to complete their homework each night. Your child should also be **SHOWING** their work for the problems.

The students are encouraged to bring their Math journal home to show you the strategies they are learning in class.

**SCIENCE:**

- Weather/Climate
- Terrapins

**SOCIAL STUDIES:**

- Three Regions of Maryland
- Calvert County



### "Paws" for these Events



- Friday, January 27 - Report Cards Go Home
- Friday, January 27 - PTO Stem Night
- Friday, February 10 - PTO Valentine's Dance
- Friday, February 17 - 2 hr. Early Dismissal
- Monday, February 20 - Schools Closed for Students - Parent Conferences
- Tuesday, February 21 - School is Now Open!
- Friday, February 24 - 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Interims
- March 14, 15, 16 - PTO Spelling Bee
- Wednesday, March 29 - End of 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter

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## Goal Setting

Now that we are halfway through the school year, this may be a great time to hold a discussion with your child about goal setting. This is a great way to teach your child that great things don't just happen - they take intention and effort. Try using the SMART Goal method for your discussion:

Specific - What exactly do you want to accomplish?

Measurable - How will you know if you met your goal?

Achievable - What steps are you going to take to reach your goal?

Relevant - What about your goal makes it important to you?

Timely - When do you want to complete your goal?

Don't forget to have your child write down their goal, and check in with them from time to time to see how they are progressing. Happy goal setting!

## Reminders:

- Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather!
- Please sign or initial your child's assignment book and/or behavior calendar daily. This helps ensure you are aware of your child's behavior in school and his/her daily assignments.
- If you would like to request a conference on a different day than the scheduled conference days, either send the teacher an email or write a note in your child's assignment book.



**Happy Birthday to all of  
the January, February,  
and March birthday  
students!**

