**Third Grade Newsletter**

**October 16-20**

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**Math**

We are still solving two-step word problems using the four operations (multiplication, division, addition, and subtraction). We will represent these problems using equations with a letter standing for the unknown quantity.  Please continue to review facts daily with your child.

A good way to practice this at home is when you go to the grocery store… You could ask your child to calculate the total of the items you are buying, then calculate how much change you would get back if paying with a $50.

**ELA**

**Reading: Comprehension skills**

We will begin a new book called *Soils.* Please encourage them to read at least 20 minutes a day at home.

**Language Arts:** **Synonyms, Antonyms, and basic language skills…**

I can use and identify synonyms.

I can use and identify antonyms.

I can use basic language skills in my everyday writing.

Quizzes on Friday

**Vocab Words:**

**ingredients**-items that make up other things

**nutrients**-substances that plants and animals need to live

**bacteria**-tiny organisms or living things

**humus**-material found in top soil

**geologist**-scientists who study the soil

**conserve**-to take good care of something

**erosion**-wearing away of soil by wind and rain

**fertilize**-to add chemicals to soil

**Spelling Words: (from the story)**

nutrients, bacteria, humus, sand, silt, clay, loam, conserve, erosion, fertilize

**Science/Social Studies**

We have finished our study over Rocks, Minerals, and Soils. We will review and quiz this week.

Vocabulary:

rocks

soils

minerals

hardness scale

scratch test

texture

grain

absorption

Flip Over

**News and Important Dates**

* **10-17 JES Title III Night**
* **10-20 Fall Festival**
* **11-16 Thanksgiving Lunch**

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Please practice cursive handwriting with your child. This will eventually become required this year.

If you have a transportation change, please let the office know by 1:00 each day. Do not rely only on e-mail or voicemail in the case that the teacher may be absent. This is for the safety of our students, so the office has record of any changes.

Please check your child’s green folder every Friday and return it on Monday.

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