

a note from:

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**Thought for the day:**

*“Learn from the mistakes of others; you can't live long enough to make them all yourself.” –Sam Levenson*

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Dear Parents,

Students have continued their practice with regrouping skills when finding the difference between two numbers. The primary focus has been with multi-digit numbers requiring regrouping when a zero is involved. Students have significantly improved their skill in this area. Next week we will be practice this skill as we focus on problem solving (word problems) utilizing subtraction and addition skills learned this year.

In language arts students have learned strategies of highlighting information in text and reading questions prior to reading to assist in comprehension. We have continued to practice our skills of *making judgments* and *making inferences* and writing answers to questions in complete sentences. Though this may seem like a simple task, it can be quite complex for a third grader. Students will have homework over the next couple of weeks, which will reflect these skills and allow them to have some additional practice in these areas.

Pawing Through Pages, our school’s reading incentive program is underway. Students should keep track of their reading minutes on our regular Homework Assignment Sheet for Monday-Thursday. Minutes completed on Friday-Sunday, should be completed on the green Pawing Through Pages (PTP) Reading Log. The minutes logged on the Homework Assignment Sheet will be tabulated weekly. The minutes for the green PTP Reading Log can be submitted when the sheet is filled. I hope this clarifies the recording process.

Our book project for October was sent home on Monday. The book project assignment sheet outlines the requirements for the project. Most students have already had an opportunity to select and have their book approved. The book project is due Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you have misplaced the project assignment sheet, a copy is available on our class webpage under the *Project Assignment Sheet* link.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held the final week in October. To assist me in scheduling conference times, please choose your FOUR preferred conference times on the back side of this sheet. I will gather all of the parent information and do my best to assign a conference time that will work for you. If you have a variety of times that you are available (i.e. anytime on Wednesday, or any morning before 7:30am) please indicate that as well. I will send a confirmation of your scheduled appointment next week so you are able plan for your child’s scheduled parent/teacher conference. Thank you, in advance for your help.

Did you miss the school picture day in August or do you need re-takes? The Retake/Make-up Day has been schedule for Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>. I have sent the order forms home in this evening’s homework folder for your convenience.

The PTA Frozen Cookie Dough fundraiser is concluding. Please return your orders tomorrow (Friday) if you have not returned them yet.

The LCC Fall Carnival is this evening from 4:30pm-7:00pm.

On a final note, I would like to thank the amazing parents who helped with our field trip to the Maidu Program at the Gold Nugget Museum last week. Your assistance helped enrich the lives of our students and allowed our day to run smoothly. THANK YOU!

Have a great week!

## Weekly Report #8

Homework	Science/Social Studies	Attitude/Work Habits	Comments:
Thursday	Collage	Outstanding	
Monday	Workbook	Acceptable	
Tuesday		Improving	
Wednesday		Needs Improvement	
Math	Written Language	Citizenship	
Workbook 21	Work From Mrs. Ross	Outstanding	
Worksheet		Acceptable	
		Needs Improvement	

**Reading Counts Points**

\_\_\_/12 (20 points due by 10/24)

**Language Arts**

- Spelling Workbook /Test
- Grammar Workbook - Lesson 3/4
- Mulan-Comprehension Questions
- The Ice Girl-Comprehension Strategies

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Please sign and return.

**Remember to complete the back page!!!!**