

April 9, 2018

Dear Third Grade Parents and Students,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter and restful break with your families.

Reminders:

Bingo Bash: The BINGO BASH is this Friday, April 13th from 6:00pm-8:00pm in the gym. We are excited for this fun event!

States Test: The Southeastern States test will be on Friday, **April 20th**. Students will be tested on the **states and abbreviations**. A study guide will come home with your child tonight. Another great way to study is by using this online game:

http://www.sheppardsoftware.com/USA_Geography/USA_G0_click_1024.html

Choose the "**Southern States**"- The only two states that are **not** in this section that will be on the test are Virginia and West Virginia.

Apostles Creed:

The Apostles' Creed is one of the prayers that 3rd graders are asked to memorize.

We will recite this prayer daily and students should practice it at home as well. They have a copy of the prayer in their folder. **They need to have this committed to memory by Friday, May 4th and recite it to me for assessment on or anytime before that date.**

April Reading Log: There will be no reading log this month, instead your child needs to fill out the iMovie book report form.

Items Needed:

By **Monday, April 23rd** each student needs to bring in an egg carton (one dozen) and 12 normal, plastic eggs. These will be used with our Passion Book project. If you have any extra eggs cartons that we can use, please send them in as well. Thank you!

State in the Box project:

We will be beginning our State in the box project this week. An **information sheet** (*includes the description of the project and information about what they will need to bring from home*) will come home with your child tomorrow. Each student will pick a state to research and create a "state in the box" to demonstrate what they have learned. Students will research and make the project in class. There will be items that they need to bring from home. Items will be due **Friday, May 11th**.

iMovie Book Report: Each student will choose a book from this month's reading log on which to prepare an iMovie book report. Information will be sent home today, please look for it in your child's folder. The written part will be due **Thursday, May 3rd**. Students will create the iMovie trailer in class. You can view some trailers from last year here: [youtube.com/user/MrsMeland3B](https://www.youtube.com/user/MrsMeland3B). This is a fun and engaging report!

This week we will be:

Reading: We begin reading our next novel: Ramona Quimby, Age 8. The students will learn about the author, Beverly Cleary, and read and discuss the first chapter.

Math: Students will not be tested on the 11s this week. They will be tested next Monday, April 16th. This is a good week for students to get caught up on facts they haven't yet passed. We will briefly review perimeter and learn about area as well.

Language Arts: We continue to work on our Passion stories. This week students will summarize 3 events.

Science: Students will begin to plan and create their Maglev transportation system this week. They have a budget of 50 dollars and it has to transport eight "people" and travel about 12 inches.

Social Studies: We begin our State in the box research this week. Students will pick their states and begin to study them.

Spelling: Homework is due Thursday and the test will be on Friday. This week we focus on the prefixes *re-* and *un-*.

unfold rejoin untie reheat unfair unclear

repaid rewrite unhurt recheck unlucky unwrap

reuse unsure

challenge word: unknown

No star this week.

Next week: Lilly

Sincerely,

Erin Meland