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Mrs. Thomas Monthly Newsletter



Happy
Fall!



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WONDERful News!

Did you know that we have a new reading series this year? It is called "Wonders." Maybe your child has talked about it at home. There are many excellent components to the series. We look forward to the impact this type of curriculum support will have on student achievement. Very soon your child's teacher will arrange for students to have online access to reading passages, assessments, tutorial lessons, learning games and a host of other features associated with Wonders. Teachers are working together to weave Wonders resources into our Literacy Collaborative framework.

State Grade Level Assessment Information

- Students in grades 3 and 4 take annual Ohio state assessments in English language arts and math.
- Third graders take the English language arts test twice during the school year — once in the fall, and once in the spring.
- All other tests for third and fourth grade are given in the spring of the school year.
- Students in third grade must score a 44 on the reading portion of the test, or 672 on all parts of the test combined to be promoted to fourth grade. (Students may also earn promotion from third to fourth grade by scoring a 196 or higher on the MAP reading assessment by the end of the 2017-2018 school year.)
- For online practice, resources to help your child with reading, and to see released test items, go to <http://education.ohio.gov> and click on the PARENTS tab. It's such a helpful tool for parents!

Cafeteria Expectations:

1. Walk at all times.
2. Keep hands and feet to yourself.
3. Face forward in line and pay attention to cafeteria workers' directions.
4. Use inside voices.
5. Pick up all table and floor trash that is yours.

Book Recommendations

Category: Funny, easy-reading, compelling books for below level, reluctant readers. (But also hilarious for grown-ups!)

- "Dory" books by Abby Hanlon (short chapter books)
- Buddy and Earl by Maureen Fergus
- Scaredy Squirrel, Chester, and Bug in a Vacuum by Melanie Watt (Scaredy Squirrel and Chester are series books so there's more fun in store if your child enjoys them.)

Tech Tip

Try the iPad game, Grammar Pop, for your children. Also, TumbleBook Library — a good online resource that has reading games, stories, skills practice, etc.