



Kraft and Smith The Third Grade Wave

May 2024

Important Dates

- **May 6th – 9th** – MAP Testing
- **May 24th** – Field Day
- **May 27th** – Memorial Day (No School)
- **May 29th** – Last Day of School

Jokes

How many books can you fit into an empty backpack?

(One. After that it is not empty!)

Why did the student eat his homework?

(His teacher said it was a piece of cake!)

Why did the M&M go to school?

(He wanted to be a Smartie!)

Announcements

Summer fever is real, but we still have a month of school left. Please continue to encourage your child to do their personal best each day so the rest of our year is GREAT!



Learning Targets for May

Reading

The month of May brings review! Students will be spiraling through various genres and reading skills they have learned throughout the year. They will review through reading and analyzing texts, and also with playing games. Games are a great way to assess students' understanding and gives me the opportunity to intervene or extend learning opportunities as needed.

As we review, we will:

- Analyze how characters' traits and their motivations, feelings, and actions can affect the plot of a story.
- Summarize to identify a theme and supporting evidence.

Writing

In May, students will write narratives. A narrative is a story that shares a sequence of events, characters, and themes. Students will write narratives with a clear beginning, middle, and end, along with the paragraph-writing elements they have learned throughout the year. Also, students will use our strategy – **C.U.P.S.**:

- **C** – Capitalize appropriately
- **U** – Understand (Does the writing make sense? Can the audience understand what you have written?)

- **P** – Punctuation

- **S** – Spelling

I look very forward to seeing their creativity!