



Mrs. Miller's The Third Grade Wave

January 2024

Important Dates

January 9th and 10th- MAP testing

January 12th – End of First Semester

January 15th – MLK, Jr. Day

- No School

January 16th – Teacher Workday

- No School

January 19th – Report Cards



Special Notes

- Our Winter Party was a lot of fun! **THANK YOU** to everyone who sent in treats! The kids really enjoyed them!



- Each night, your child should be practicing their spelling words and reading for 20 minutes. If your child needs a text to read, please let me know.

Learning Targets – January

❄ Reading ❄

- This month, we will be starting folktales. With this, we will be writing summaries using the “*Somebody, Wanted, But, So, Then*” strategy, and identifying themes with supporting evidence.
- After, we will move into poetry, with a focus in reading for meaning, identifying the author’s point of view, and understanding the use of figurative language. We will also discuss the differences between the elements of poetry and traditionally written texts (prose).
 - Example: Poetry uses lines and stanzas, rather than sentences and paragraphs.

❄ Writing ❄

- In writing, students will be applying their summarizing skills learned in reading to help them add text evidence to support their thoughts in a piece of writing.
- Students will begin learning how to write informative, multi-paragraph pieces that:
 - clearly introduce a topic
 - support the topic with details
 - use transition words to connect ideas
 - provide a concluding statement

❄ Grammar ❄

- In grammar, we will continue to build our understanding of proper sentence structure and grammar usage within our writing.

