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# HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

Students just completed mid-year Aimsweb testing, during which they read for one minute from a grade-level passage. Strategies to help students increase reading speed include:

-read aloud every day at home, to any audience: parent, sibling, pet, or stuffed animal

-read along in a second copy of a book while an adult or older sibling reads to you

-watch TV and movies with closed captioning on

-read from a passage for one minute and note how far you read, then do it again and see if you read further (this can be fun and encouraging)

-an adult or older sibling reads a passage to you, then you read it back (“echo” reading)

Try some of these over the break!

# Literacy Night:

Upcoming field trips for third grade:

Three exciting field trips have been scheduled for this spring. We are still waiting on confirmation of transportation for the first two.

Tue. Feb. 16 Ms. Mathews’s class to the Steele Planetarium (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on Wed. Feb. 17).

Friday, May 6: All third graders to Majestic View Nature Center to study life cycles and ecosystems.

May 18 Ms. Mathews’s class to Genessee Park (Ms. Hardy and Mr. Baltz on May 25).

Thursday, December 17 is Literacy Night at Edison.

Unfortunately, I will not be attending Literacy Night this year, due to another commitment. Marianne Goebel, a volunteer the students know as Oma, will be filling in for me during the classroom activity. Oma will be reading aloud some holiday read aloud books and she will have a winter craft project available for students to do between 5:30 and 6:10 p.m. in room 204.

Literacy Night Schedule:

5:30-6:10    K-2nd read aloud: gym

5:30-6:10    3rd—5th classroom activities

6:10-6:15    passing time/cookie time: cafeteria

6:15-7:00     K-2nd classroom activities

6:15-7:00     3rd—5th read aloud: gym

5:00-7:00     shop the Scholastic Book Fair in the auditorium

Homework over winter break:

Please read, study your multiplication patterns book, work on typing.com, ixl, and try readinga-z.com. Click on projectable books and read on the screen!

username: jmcsherry0 (zero)

password: termx825

3rd grade lexile level is 500-700, levels M,N,O,P are 3rd grade

Students will see how to use these projectable books in class the week before winter break.

# Reading Fluency Strategies:

Ms.Mathews’s Classroom News

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