

# Ms. Ham's 3rd Grade Class

August 25, 2017

Dear Parents:

Well, we made it through the second week of school! Only 34 more weeks to go!

Next week we will begin the writing process. The students will be able to "brainstorm" on the topic of the week and then write a three paragraph essay. Each paragraph should have three to five sentences. After they have finished their "rough draft" they will then revise and edit it. The final step is to write a final copy. The final copy should be in their neatest handwriting with only a few errors (spelling, grammar, & punctuation).

Spelling Words:      once   one   own   before   know   no   were   where   there   here   dead  
leave   early   close   flower   flour   nothing   ground   lead   led   such   morning   however  
mind   shall   alone   order   third   push   point.

Phonograms:    a       e       l       o       u       n       w       r       h       k       wh    ea  
ear   ay   ai    our   ng   aw   ed   ew   ck   gu   ui   ph   ey   oe  
kn   ir   le    oi

The students are making excellent progress on their math facts. They are timed for five minutes to do as many problems they can in that time. They do addition and math assessments every day. At the end of the week they can see that they have improved and are answering more problems than the day before. Soon they will begin to work on multiplication facts. This next week we will be working with money and they should be able to tell the values of each coin.

We will continue reading from "Under the Midnight Stars". We will take turns reading aloud as a class and reading to each other. Please help your child read aloud at home. Reading aloud develops their fluency and will then help with their comprehension skills.

If you have any questions please call or e-mail me. My email address is: [Cheryl.ham@hotmail.com](mailto:Cheryl.ham@hotmail.com)

Have a great weekend!

Cheryl Ham