

# Room 103 News

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### WKCE Information

The WKCE test takes place November 3-November 6 for the 3rd graders. Research has shown that students who eat a healthy breakfast and get a good night's sleep before testing perform better. Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep and eats a healthy breakfast everyday!!! Also, please remember to send a healthy snack to school. We've been preparing for this since school began. We've talked about the test and the students are continuing to prepare in the classroom. Results will be sent home in the spring.

### Snack Reminder

Please remember to send a healthy snack to school. We will have snack everyday after specials. If you send juice, please only send 100% juice or flavored waters. Students will be allowed to drink at snack, but I will ask they take extra water to their backpacks when snack is over. Please do NOT send candy, chips, cookies, or fruit snacks. I will ask the kids not to eat them, but to save them for lunch. Also, if your child needs a utensil to eat their snack, please send that as well. Some suggestions: granola bars, fruit, vegetables, yogurt, applesauce, fruit cups, crackers, nuts.

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### Reading Strategies

We've been working on our reading strategies in guided reading groups. We've worked on the following strategies and you can practice these with your child at home; making predictions, asking questions, and making connections.

**Making predictions** uses the clues in the reading and the student's ideas to talk about what the book/passage will be about.

**Asking questions** about the meaning of the book/passage will help clarify the meaning of what's being read.

**Making connections** is when the student connects to something in another reading, their life or the world. Students will need to use the words *just like* in their connection. EX: The tornadoes in the book Stormy Weather can destroy houses *just like* the tornado that came through Kenosha last January.

### Assignment Notebooks

Remember to check and sign your child's assignment notebook every night. This is an important communication tool.

## What's happening in 103?

**MATH:** We've completed Unit 2 (number stories) and are working on Unit 3, which is all about measurement.

**READING:** We have begun guided reading groups. We've also been working on checking to make sure what we are reading makes sense. We are also practicing our different reading strategies (monitor/clarify, make connections, make predictions and ask questions). Remember to be reading 10-20 minutes each night. Students who meet the reading goal will earn a free Happy Meal or pizza from Pizza Hut.

**LANGUAGE ARTS:** We've been working on writing fiction and non-fiction book reviews. We've also been working on comparing and contrasting fiction and non-fiction books.

**SPELLING:** Each week your child will come home with a list stapled in their assignment notebooks. Please study these words each night with your child. We will have our tests on **TUESDAYS!!!**

**SCIENCE:** We've completed our Measurement kit. We will begin working on our Structures of Life kit as soon as it arrives.

**SOCIAL STUDIES:** We will continue with our study of Kenosha and it's history. We learned some great things at the History Center and Museum about Kenosha.

## IMPORTANT DATES

3  
WKCE testing

4  
WKCE testing

5  
WKCE testing

6  
WKCE testing  
First Quarter ends  
11:05 release

10  
PTA Meeting 6:30pm

11  
Chat and Chew

13  
Movie Night  
15-20  
American Education Week

19  
Popcorn Day-\$.25

20  
Spirit Day-wear Harvey gear  
23-25  
Parent/Teacher conferences  
Book fair  
26-27  
NO SCHOOL!

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