

News from Room 202 October 2014



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It has been a busy first marking period. The marking period ends in a few weeks. I look forward to an enjoyable year helping your children grow. If you have any questions, email me at <u>kquinn@bridgeportedu.net</u> or send a note in with your child so we can arrange a time to meet.

<u>Class Messenger</u>

As many of you know, I am using Class Messenger to communicate with parents. Notifications and reminders are sent via text messages and emails. You can also use this site to email me directly. Families may also sign up both parents to receive classroom news as well as to receive both texts and emails. To sign up or to change/add your notification preferences, please go to <u>www.classmessenger.com</u>. You will need the following information: Class Name-Third Grade Room 202, Teacher Name- Ms. Quinn, and Class Code- JZJYM

Multiplication Facts



It is important that your child know their multiplication facts by heart. Students should already know their 0-5 tables. By the end of the month students are expected to know their 6-10 tables. Please remember to quiz your child often. It's a great activity to do in the car.

Student Recognition

September Homework Club:

Congratulations to the following students for handing in their homework every day and for reading on the weekends! **Camila**, **Vanessa, Sonia, Andres, Valerie, Lena, Benjamin, John, Angel, and Maximo**

September Student of the Month: Mirijoel Carranza

Spotlight On: Narrative Writing

This marking period, students are reviewing and strengthening their narrative story writing skills. A narrative story should include the following:

- Strong beginning, middle, and end
- Detailed description of story elements (characters, setting, problem, and solution)
- Strong use of interesting words, senses figurative language (similes and idioms) and sentence variety
- Mix of action, description, and detail
- Clear sequence of events
- Includes main character's feelings and reactions

Students will also be learning how to read one or two stories/articles and create a narrative story based on information from their reading. This will help them to prepare for the Performance Task on the SBAC test in the spring.

Computer/Typing Skills

If possible, please have your child practice their typing skills. Homework assignments such as summaries or reading responses may be typed instead of written. Students can email their work to me or print it out and bring it in to class.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory



We are racing to finish the wonderful novel "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl. On Friday, October 31st we will be watching the movie as a final activity. We will compare the book to the movie. While this is **not** a Halloween celebration, students may bring in candy to be given out at the end of the day to students who do celebrate.