The Third Grade Times

**September 2018**

**Reminders**

Please remember to sign up for the school’s monthly electronic newsletter on the school website.



#### Please visit our school and Third Grade website at www.mtclemensmontessori.com and MTCMAthirdgrade.weebly.com for all the news and events at our school! The Office can be contacted by email at mtcma@comcast.net and by phone at 586-465-5545.

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| Important Dates |
| First Day of School | 4th  |
| Back to School Celebration (5-7pm)  | 7th  |
| Happy Birthday! |
| John (McNeil) | 3rd  |
| Vivienne (Fickert) | 4th |
| Kaden (Fickert)Clarence (Fickert) | 31st 23rd  |
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| **Monthly Curriculum Update**Writing /Grammar |  |
| This year students will be working on increasing their ability and interest in narrative and informational writing. In September, students will be working on the six traits of writing while incorporating those skills into a personal narrative. Students will also be working on the sentence structure, (naming the part which is the subject and action part which is the predicate), writing conventions (capitals and punctuation), and simple and compound sentences. |  |
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 **Word Study**

This year students will be rotating between *Word s Their Way* sorts and *Wordly Wise* . *Words Their Way* focuses on the spelling patterns of words. Students will be taking a spelling inventory test in order to give us an idea of which spelling patterns they are familiar with. This will assist to grouping them for instruction. *Wordly Wise*

 workbooks are used to increase vocabulary and understanding of words. During Word Study the two Third Grade classes will be blended to better reach each child at their level.

**Reading**

This year we hope to increase your child’s reading skills as well as their enjoyment for reading. This month we will be reading with individual students within the first couple weeks of school to group them based on their skills. Following testing, students will be placed in small reading groups for guided reading. During reading, both Third Grade classes will be blended to best meet the needs of each student.

**Math**

This year students will be learning many concepts; including multiplication and division, measurement, time and graphs, multi-digit addition and subtraction, word problems, geometry, and fractions.

In September, we will start with multiplication and division (0-5, 9 &10). Please start practicing multiplication flash cards with your child at home.

**Social Studies**

This year students will be learning about Michigan. During this month students will be finishing the geography of Michigan and beginning unit two, economics.