

OUR CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

Ms. Vargas's Third Grade

Important Dates:

- April 8 - Quarter 3 ends
- April 8 - Field Trip to Old Sturbridge Village
- April 12&13 - ELA MCAS
- April 15-22 - April Vacation

March birthdays:

April 19- Robbie

Character Trait of the Month:
Honesty

MCAS:

Students will be taking the ELA MCAS on April 12 and 13. Students must have their Chromebooks in school fully charged for testing. I would strongly recommend an early bedtime the night before testing so students can do their best!

Please have students eat breakfast and pack a healthy snack for MCAS as we will not have our typical snack and recess at 10:30. Instead students will have a brief snack at 9:00 before testing begins. Students will do their best with a full belly.



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LEARNING OBJECTIVES

In **math** we have been working hard at solving two step word problems using the CUBES strategy. We have been studying fractions, using a ruler to measure to the nearest $\frac{1}{4}$ inch, and making line plots. Later this month we will start looking at telling time and elapsed time.

In preparation for our field trip to Old Sturbridge Village we have been learning more about the Pilgrims and the Puritans. We have studied Puritan villages and will look closely at daily life for Puritans and hopefully make connections between our learning and what we see during our field trip.

In **reading** we just finished up the historical fiction novel Glory Be. Students will complete a book project to share their understanding of the story. We have also been studying folktales and fables. We will also begin studying poetry and figurative language during the month of April. Students will interpret and write their own similes, metaphors, and idioms.

In **writing** we have been reading prompts to determine if we will write a narrative or an informational TIDE piece in preparation for MCAS. We will continue working on topic sentences and the best evidence to use in our writing.



Congratulations to the students chosen for TEAMWORK!