



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Messenger

Mr. Ford's Third Grade



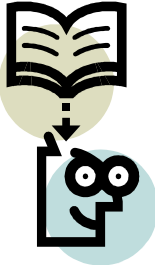
September 7<sup>th</sup>, 2007

## Important Dates

- Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> – School Pictures**
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Patriot's Day** – Wear Red, White and Blue to school
- Sept. 11<sup>th</sup> – Final Day of Magazine Sales Fundraiser**

## Don't Forget

- Home Reading Logs were sent home this week. Students should be reading at home and recording their minutes in order to meet one of the goals for this month.
- The first book order of the year was sent home today. If you would like to order, please return your order to school by next Friday, Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>. Online ordering is available at :



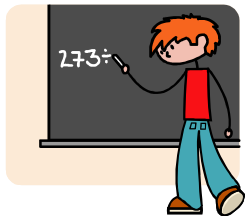
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- Next week students across Unit 5 will participate in SAT 10 standardized testing. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will take about seven tests, each about between 15 to 30 minutes.

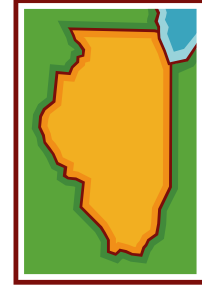
## In the Classroom

**Reading** – "Officer Buckle and Gloria", "Pepita Talks Twice", reading groups during stations



**Math** – general review, addition timed tests, introduction to math tools and student reference book, beginning of the year assessment

**Social Studies** – Illinois geography, cardinal directions, state and county boundaries



**Science** – process skills such as experimenting, observing, estimating, predicting etc., how plants live and grow, bean plants, monarch caterpillars

## Other Notes

- We've been trying to help students get used to the expectations of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade by offering some practice assignments and quizzes. Now it is time end our period of practice and count assignments, quizzes and tests toward each student's grades. Remember, one assignment won't make or break a trimester grade. One bad grade can even be used as a positive learning experience, or 'wake up call'. What students want to avoid is a pattern of failure to complete assignments to the best of their ability.

The expectations of students will continue to increase during the year. I feel confident each student can be successful in third grade, but it will require each student's commitment best personal effort.

