



Mrs. Gracias' Classroom Highlights

Oct. 25– End of Quarter 1

Nov. 5– Fall Picture day , Report cards go home.

Oct. 27 and Nov. 2—Teacher workday

Nov. 10– PTA meeting

- ◆ Please follow our class on twitter @jgracias10
- ◆ All third graders will take the Cog AT assessment during the first week of November. These are series of short tests that are timed, and will help assess the cognitive abilities of the students. For more information about this, you can email our AIG teacher Lisa Milliken - lthompkins-milliken@wcpss.net
- ◆ Please continue to send an extra mask with your child in case we need to change it during the day.
- ◆ Also please send in a quick healthy snack to eat during recess and a water bottle, as we are not allowed to drink from the water fountain.
- ◆ If you are interested in having a parent–teacher conference, please complete the survey or you can text me on Talking Points.

We are learning...

Reading El and Writing: Module 1 focus: Overcoming Learning challenges near and far–

This week we will read some realistic fiction texts to continue our learning around the theme and determine Message /Moral using text evidence.

Then we will start planning an opinion essay, where students will choose between living in the US or their expert country. We will use research text to support our opinions and prove our point. As a culminative project, students will create a bookmark to recognize their learning challenges and strategies to overcome to overcome them. They will also create a model to show their expert country's learning!

Math: We have been practicing multiplication strategies such as equal groups and arrays to solve problems. This week we will learn commutative property as a strategy. Students will be able to develop a mathematical question involving multiplication and solve it using a visual model or repeated addition. I am noticing some inconsistencies with using the strategies, and so more practice will be provided until students master these strategies. Practicing fluency facts at home will help tremendously.

Social Studies: We will be learning about History—Thinking like a Historian. Mainly we will learn about Branches of Government and their roles and responsibilities.