## November Newsletter

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Please take a few minutes to read about the activities we have been doing and the standards we will be learning this month.

Math- This month the students have been learning different strategies to help them multiply. The students are also learning how to do multi-step story problems using multiplication, subtraction, and addition. In addition, the students are learning to identify patterns and explain them.

Each Monday and Wednesday the students have a timed multiplication test. Two new facts are added to each new level. The students have a rocket math paper in their take home folder with all of the new facts for each level. This way, the students know which facts to study each week. Please encourage your child to study for 5-10 minutes each night. They should also review the facts from previous levels. It is very important to have the basic multiplication facts memorized by the end of third grade.

Social Studies- This month, the students have been learning to read maps. They are learning to use a map key, a compass rose, and the alphanumeric grid to locate landmarks on a map. This week the student will be creating their own maps with a map key. Daily geography will continue to be passed out on Monday and will be due on Friday.

Science- Next week we will start a unit on rocks and soil. We will be observing rocks and learning about their properties. We will also be learning about the different kinds of soil and doing some experiments.

Upcoming events: Conferences- 11/8, 11/15, and 11/17

Thanksgiving Break- 11/23-11/27

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know.

Mrs. Duncan