## **Third Grade Newsletter**

Dear third-grade parents,

We have had a very busy week with testing, play rehearsals, the Seussical Jr. performance and the art & science show! The good news is that we survived the week and we can look forward to a three day weekend I hope that everyone has exciting plans and safe travels for Memorial Day!

Next week we will return to a normal classroom schedule. For the next two weeks, we will be concluding the measurement and data unit as well as the geometry unit. We will begin by reviewing perimeter and area. Then we will learn how to find the area of composite figures and how to draw a diagram based on clues from word problems. In geometry, we will be reviewing keywords such as angles, rays, endpoint, vertex, parallel lines, and right angles. We will also review all the shapes as well as their attributes.

In science, we will be learning about matter and energy! We will learn that everything is made of matter. We will learn the three states of matter and be able to identify the parts of matter. We will also be able to understand the difference between volume, mass, and density. In learning about energy, we will learn the different types of energy and different sources of energy such as the sun. Finally, we will compare and contrast kinetic energy and potential energy. We are very energetic to learn about matter and energy!

As a reminder, we will have our end of year celebration on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>! We will be going to Blue Jay Point County Park. The address is 3200 Pleasant Union Church Rd, Raleigh, NC 27614. I hope that you can attend and celebrate with us! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to bring an item for the event! I recommend that students wear their uniforms, sneakers, a hat and sun block. The plan is that we will arrive at Blue Jay point at 10:30. We will begin by playing a friendly game of kickball. Parents are welcome to join, please wear sneakers. By that point we will have worked up an appetite so, we will eat lunch after the game. While we are cleaning up, the students will play games on the playground and maybe even enjoy a DJ dance party to end the day! I look forward to seeing everyone there!

As the end of the school year approaches there are a few more important dates to remember. There will no school on Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> because of Memorial Day. The first fifth-grade graduation will occur on Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m at the North Ridge Country Club. The last day of school is on Wednesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>! This is will be a half day and all students will go to carpool at 12:00 p.m. The first day of summer camp will be Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup>. I am wishing everyone a Happy Memorial Day!