

Johanson Newsletter #3

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Spelling City:

Spelling City is a free website and app that allows children to practice their spelling words from any device. A **Spelling City** account for our 3rd grade spelling lists has been set up. You can access the account by going to:

<https://www.spellingcity.com/users/pvspelling>

Once you are at the site, choose the Story/Spelling List of the week and click on "Games". There are free games/review activities available for each list. Students can take practice tests and get a clear idea of which words they need to study. Feel free to bookmark the page to use as a weekly reference.

The screenshot shows the Spelling City website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for "New to SpellingCity?", "Teaching Resources", "Videos / FAQs", and "Premium Membership". Below this, a blue bar displays "Recently Visited (?)" and "Teacher: Grade 3 Prairie Vista" with a list titled "My Rows and Piles of Coins - Unit 1 Week 5". The main content area is titled "Grade 3 Prairie Vista's Lists" and shows a list of three spelling lists, each with an "Import" and "Games" button:

- Kumak's Fish Unit 1 - Week #3
- Supermarket - Unit 1 - Week #4
- My Rows and Piles of Coins - Unit 1 Week #5



Behavior and Communication:

Thanks for staying up to date with your child's progress. Planners will continue to be checked daily to keep everyone on track throughout the year. Updates/insights are also provided via Classroom Dojo too.

Volunteers:

Please be on the lookout for a volunteer handout coming home next week. I will be scheduling volunteers to work in our classroom each month. Activities will range from cutting, organizing, laminating, overseeing small group rotation/instruction, assigning Lexile levels to books and prepping materials for instruction. I look forward to having volunteers visit our classroom. In addition to my volunteer needs, there will be opportunities to assist with Math Pentathlon Games, Classroom Celebrations, and Art Smart lessons. In order to volunteer at Prairie Vista, an annual background check must be submitted/on file in the school office.

Math:

Students have now been assigned to their math classrooms. Students will rotate to math class each day from 9:50 A.M-11:10 A.M. If you ever need to access an additional copy of the homelink assignments, you can visit the following site:

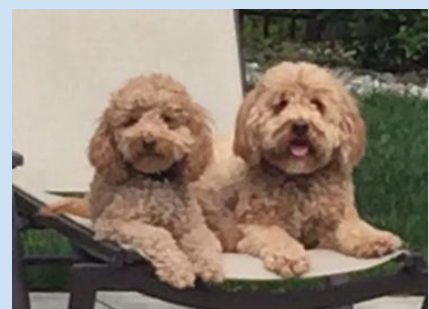
<http://everydaymath.uchicago.edu/parents/3rd-grade/em-at-home/>

Science/Social Studies Rotations:

Science and Social Studies rotations are scheduled to begin next week. Students will be spending time in each of the third grade classrooms throughout the year. Rotations will typically run on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons.

A Little Bit About Me:

This is my 27th year of teaching in the Penn-Harris-Madison school corporation. I have taught grades 2-7. I hold both a B.A. and M.A. degree in Education, a Gifted & Talented Licence, and an Indiana Administrative Principal License. My children (Reagan & Clay) are Prairie Vista Alumni and currently attend Indiana University and Penn High School. My husband and I are both graduates of the corporation and have lived in the Michiana area our entire lives. In our spare time we love to travel and go on adventures together. Both of our children are in marching band (high school & college), which leads us to a very busy fall of competitions and football festivities. We also have 2 mini goldendoodles (Minnie & Pennie), who bring us lots of joy.



Important Upcoming Dates:

9/10 -- Culver's Night for Prairie Vista 5-8 PM

9/12 -- PTO Meeting

9/14 -- Fun Fair

10/24- End of 1st Grading Period

10/26--Fall Break, No School

10/29--Fall Break, No School