

## **Grade 3**

### **January Newsletter**

**Happy 2012 to everyone! I hope you had nice Christmas and New Year celebrations. With all the business of December I neglected to send out a newsletter.**

**Your children have been working hard. They took home their Bat Books right after vacation; a lot of hard work went in to those! We are in the middle of reading Frindle by Andrew Clements. It is the story of a boy who wants to know how new words are added to the dictionary.**

**Science is going to be focusing on plants within the next week. We are wrapping up our chapter on technology and simple machines this week.**

**Subtracting large numbers is the focus of our math chapter right now. I am simultaneously starting to review the multiplication tables with them. I will be doing many timed tests, and they will be writing out the times tables for homework. \*\*Please make an extra effort to help your child memorize these. Test them at home whenever possible. Have them recite what they know for you...we began with the 2's this week. They cannot move on in the times tables until they master (complete 64 problems, 100% correct, in 3 minutes) what they are currently working on. They need to memorize!**

**Grade 3 has also been invited to lunch at City Hall with the new Mayor next Friday, January 20<sup>th</sup>. A field trip form will be sent home to be completed by parents.**

***Happy January!***

***Mrs. Fahey***

