



Third grade students will be taking The state reading test on Monday and Tuesday. Be sure to get lots of rest the night before!

Gavin, Jayla, Chase, Amira, and Geri

This group continues their study of biographies. The first is about Mary Anning, an English woman. As a young girl Mary made some very important discoveries of amazing fossil samples. Readers will examine information from the text and write about what they think is her most important or amazing find and tell why. In our next biography of the week we find out the subject of a biography is not always someone to be admired! Fake Art, Real Talent tells the account of Shaun Greenhalgh. A man who was really very talented but chose to make fake art and sell it as the real thing. Students will write a multiple paragraph essay about Shaun's talent and crimes.

Tanya, Antonio, Drea and Gabriella

Have you ever heard of *worm charming*? This is the subject of our next book, A Zany Competition. These readers will be examining the text for examples of how the author used examples and details to make the topic more understandable. Our second book, Alexandra Swift, Super Sis, looks at character change and how the author *shows* the changes with examples rather than just telling them.

Parker, Austin, Ayden, Ethan and Raekeah

Last week we read an animal themed book called One Lake, One Home. The students will explore author's point of view and find information to back up their own point of view about a topic. Later in the week we will read Return of the Swifts. This is an interesting story of how a community helped and protected flocks of birds that return there every year. The readers will see how the author uses comparison and figurative language to convey meaning.

Amani, Peyton, Lillian, Alara and Madison

Last week we read a folk tale form Korea titled The Tiger and the Persimmon. Our new book this week is a Russian folktale called Old Agatha. After reading the Russian story we will determine what some of the characteristics of folktales are by comparing and contrasting the two stories. Since folktales usually have a lesson embedded in them, we will determine what the author is trying to teach within the tales.

