Hey Awesome 3rd Graders!

Here are some things to work on to keep your skills sharp and get you ready for 4th grade! Your teachers are missing you and wishing we were back in class with you. We CANNOT wait to see you again and give you a giant hug!

We want you to keep reading, reading, reading! You can use the reading log to keep track of your reading! Have your grownup initial it for you. Your Close Reader story this week is “Paca and the Beetle”. Read along and complete each task given in the story. You can then use the Choice Board and complete the activities using “Paca and the Beetle”.

Your Cold Read this week is “Croc!” Have a family member time you for one minute and see how far you can get on Monday. Practice it throughout the week (at least once a day) and then time yourself again on Friday. We know you will make a lot of good progress by Friday!

You also have 2 pages on Final Syllables to complete.

For math you have a lot of good addition, subtraction, and place value practice. Try to find other ways to practice your math facts too! Try rolling 2 dice, drawing 2 cards, or pulling a domino from a pile and adding or subtracting them!

Work hard and have fun! We miss you!

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Paca and the Beetle

A FOLKTALE FROM BRAZIL

Background Folktales are stories that have been told for a long time. They often tell how something in nature came to be. They may include a moral, or lesson, too.

Setting a Purpose Read the text to learn what happens when two animals have a race to win a big prize.

1. Read: As you read, look for test evidence.
   - Underline the sentence that tells what the winner of the race will get as a prize.

2. Read: As you read, look for text evidence.
   - Underline the sentence that tells what the winner of the race will get as a prize.
   - Underline a sentence that shows Paca is sure he will win the race, even before the race starts.

3. Read and write a letter to a character. Read and then tell an adult about your book.

4. Reread the page and look at the photo.
   - Underline a sentence that shows Paca is sure he will win the race, even before the race starts.
   - Circle the words that tell about the photo.

5. Read As you read, look for test evidence.
   - Underline a sentence that shows Paca is sure he will win the race, even before the race starts.
   - Underline a sentence that tells what the winner of the race will get as a prize.

SHORT RESPONSE

Cite Text Evidence Why does Paca decide to take his time after the start of the race? What does this tell you about him? Cite text evidence in your discussion.

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