



NEWSLETTER

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Third Grade

Third grade will switch to Social Studies on January 14th. They will continue their current unit of study Inheritance and Traits until January 11th.

Check out our February 2019 Newsletter for information on their next Science Unit.

Third Grade Important Dates

1/2 Students Return to school

1/10 Burger King Night

1/11 Last Day of Science

1/14 First day back in Social Studies, Prose 1/2 Day

1/16 Picture Re-take Day

1/25 School Spirit Staff vs. Gulls Basketball Game

Trip

As of now there are no trips scheduled for this unit of study. Information regarding future trips will be forthcoming.

5th Grade Unit 3: Ecosystem Restoration

A portion of the Costa Rican rain forest ecosystem is failing. Many years ago, its trees were cut down, and the land was dedicated to cattle grazing. Since then, the cattle have left, and trees were replanted on the land. However, the organisms in this area of the rain forest—jaguars, sloths, and cecropia trees—don't appear to be numerous or healthy. Why?

In this exciting unit of study, students will take on the role of ecologists to investigate this question and figure out what can be done to return the ecosystem to its original healthy state. In order to understand what's causing the problem, students will explore what it means to grow and how living things get the matter and energy they need to grow.

Students investigate animals, plants, and decomposers in three successive chapters. Through models, non-fiction texts, and simulations students are able to explore information and construct their own terrarium. The unit will culminate with the students explaining why the portion of the Costa Rican rainforest is failing and how this issue can be resolved



