

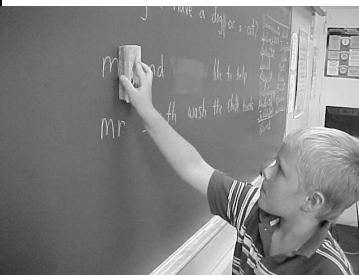


Dot Your I's and Cross Your T's!

Becoming Lifelong Editors!

It seems more and more these days, that editing and proofreading are becoming lost arts! With the proliferation of email, instant messaging, texting, etc. people either don't have the time or the interest to double check their work. (If you want a real life example, check out the deli department at the Coolidge Road Meijer. They have a sign that says

"Customer's waiting"!)



Evan erases one of the errors he found in the Daily Language sentence.

In class, we're working on proofreading sentences so that we can proofread our writing later on. Students complete Daily Language activities by copying sentences from the chalkboard, fixing them, and then sharing what they did. Stu-



Sabrina changes two separate words into the correct closed compound word!

dents take turns coming to the front of the classroom to make the corrections on the board. We also work on daily Spelling assignments and Handwriting as well!

We're going to share some very professional writing with you later in the year!

Have a great weekend and if you're looking for something fun, don't forget to check out the Michigan Renaissance festival in Holly! Lots of interesting history (for all you social studies buffs out there!)

If you have any questions, please call or email me at: staffordd@royaloakschools.com



Spilling Strategies and Grazing Policy

As you can see, spelling is a very important skill to learn! In third grade, we use a spelling book for daily practice and take tests every Friday to see how well your child learned the spelling strategies that will help them become excellent spillers, I mean, spellers! We do the spelling assignments together in class and review them here. I will send home a list of spelling words each week for home study. In third grade, we also use a standard grading scale of A through E. Don't panic if your child doesn't do well on a spelling test. It's a process that we are working on all year and no one should get too upset about a test or two. I also have a unique grading policy (and you thought I'd be talking about cows!) Each week we have two Challenge Words. I only count these words if your child spelled them correctly. I don't count them if they are wrong. In that way, they can be added to the total and replace a Basic misspelled word. I put the total number of correctly spelled words over the total Basic Words for that week. (This also is a nice introduction to fractions!) Out of 16 Basic Words and 2 Challenge Words, if your child misses three Basic Words but gets one Challenge Word correct, the score would be 14/16 for a B grade. I hope that clears up concerns about spelling tests! More to come at Curriculum Night!



Curriculum Night
3rd Grade Classes
September 30th, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

