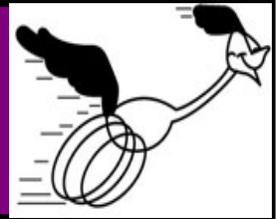


NORGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL: MAKING NEWS IN ROOM 302



Ms. Goode in Third Grade

March 2009

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MEET MS. GOODE

Greetings!

I am so excited that student teaching is finally here! This is what I have been preparing for, and I feel so honored to I be working with Mrs. Simon and this great group of third graders!

I will be working with your third graders for the next five weeks. After spring break, I will move to Berkeley Middle School where I will complete my student teaching in mathematics.

Since you have gotten to know Mrs. Simon over the year, I hope this newsletter helps you get to know more about me. I am looking forward to learning more about each student over the next five weeks and I hope I will get to know you as well!

Where did you grow up?

I was raised in Blackstone, Virginia, a small town about an hour south of Richmond.

Do you have any hobbies?

The list could go on and on. Briefly, I love sports, cooking (and eating!), and interior decorating.

Schedule for Student Teaching:

What and When to Expect Ms. Goode Teaching

- Week 1: Math
- Week 2: Math and Science
- Week 3: Math, Science, & Reading
- Week 4/5: Math, Science, Reading, & Writing

STUDENT'S CORNER

This is a place to highlight examples of outstanding student work, any exciting news the students' wish to share, and what to expect in the coming weeks. If you would like your child's work to be excluded from this section, please use the "Suggestion Box" to let us know. Enjoy!

"When I grow up, I want to be a soldier in the U.S. Army to protect America like my Dad."
- Caleb

We are starting the wonderful world of fractions in March. The students will be involved in many hands-on activities to make this concept more concrete. We are going to continue this hands-on learning in science where we will explore simple and complex machines.



Students of the Week:

March 2: Brianna

March 9: Sarah

March 16: Oliver

March 23: Austin



STANDARDS OF LEARNING

As you may know, third grade is the first year for the Standards of Learning (SOL), statewide standardized tests given in Virginia. These tests cover the standards that outline what the students are to learn. In class, we will be covering test taking strategies to prepare, but there are also things you can do to help your child do their best. Below are some helpful tips to remember (U.S. Department of Education, 2003).

- ★ Make sure your child is well rested...not only the night before the test, but also nights leading up to the test!
- ★ Encourage your child to do his/her best and praise often!

For more information on the tests, you can visit:

- <http://www.ed.gov/parents/>
- <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/VDOE/Parents/index.html>.

SUGGESTION BOX

What can we do to help you?

PLEASE CUT OUT THIS SECTION
AND RETURN IF YOU HAVE ANY
SUGGESTIONS!

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT... ON THE WEB!

In my coursework at the College, I have designed a classroom website. I am interested in trying it out during student teaching. Please feel free to visit. I am open to any suggestions you have that may make the space more beneficial for you! The site is:

<http://sites.google.com/site/missgoodesclassroom/>

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PARENT'S CORNER

Many studies have found that parent involvement in school is beneficial to students (Michigan Department of Education, 2002). Involvement comes in many forms; one form is to reinforce what the child is learning in school.

Here are some tips to help with

fractions!

- The number on top of the line is the part of the whole. This is called the **numerator**.
- The number on the bottom tells us how many parts make up 1 whole. It is called the **denominator**. A trick to remember this is **d for down**.

Ways to Use Fractions at Home

- 1) Let children help with cooking.
- 2) Relate fractions to musical notes (see help sheet on the class website).
- 3) Use fraction terminology: talk about sport's quarters, innings, and periods, the amount of homework finished, and the amount of gas in the tank in parts and wholes.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Simon or me with any concerns or questions about anything being done in the classroom or tips for how to reinforce the ideas at home. Check the website and student folders for parent help sheets!

MARCH 2009

-Women's History Month -

-Music in Our Schools Month-

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 *Math	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 *Science	10	11	12 Happy Birthday MaKenzie! 	13	14
15	16  Happy Birthday Caleb! *Reading	17 	18 Early Release at 2:00	19	20  Welcome Spring!	21
22	23 *Writing	24	25 Early Release at 2:00	26	27	28
29	30 *All subjects	31	April 1 April Fools!	2	3 No School! Teacher Workday	4

*The week with the subjects that Ms. Goode begins teaching. Remember that each week a subject is added until Ms. Goode teaches full time for two weeks.