# Miss Iseler's Classroom Mews

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#### Weekly Update

Third grade has been a happening place over the last several weeks in terms of assessments! We began the month by taking the first part of the ISTEP+ assessment. This week we completed the IREAD-3 assessment as well as the benchmark assessments for PIVOT in both mathematics and English language arts. The students have been such troopers throughout all of this and I am proud of their perseverance during and after the assessments. The second round of the ISTEP+ assessment will begin the week of April 18th. We again ask that you do not schedule any pre-arranged absences for your child during that time.

Because of the testing this week, our reading block has looked different than normal. Students were able to participate in a Parts of Speech Bingo game, begin reading on Raz-Kuls, and work with partners in some center-like activities. Our math block focused on fractions again, but in a non-traditional way. Students were able to complete fraction problems based on real-life situations, including enjoying a Skittles treat along the way! I wanted to take another opportunity to thank everyone who helped make our class the top third grade class as well as the top class in the building during the Coin Wars challenge. Not only did we earn things like an ice cream party, a popcorn party, an extra recess, and a no homework pass, we also provided books for children who are in desperate need of them. We have successfully enjoyed the ice cream, the popcorn, and the extra recess already. The no homework pass will be along soon!

Just a heads up -- March reading minutes are due at the end of Spring Break!

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### Important Dates and Events

March 18: Lock In @ 6:15-9:30

March 28-April 1: Spring Break

April 7: Kindergarten Roundup @ 6:00

May II: Spring Music Program (Grades 1-3)

May 25: Last Student Day

## <u>Spelling Words</u> Unit 5 Lesson 5

- I. painless
- 2. sickness
- 3. sadness
- 4. helpless
- 5. thankless
- 6. kindness
- 7. hopeless
- 8. darkness
- 9. fearless
- 10. thickness
- II. careless
- 12. goodness
- 13. spotless
- 14. softness
- 15. useful
- 16. weakly
- 17. breathless
- 18. eagerness

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March Reading Goal: 380 minutes