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## Classroom Wish List: Box Tops

### Flat Stanley Project

We are all eagerly awaiting responses back from our friends and family in Michigan.

### Thanksgiving Project

I am in need of parent volunteers to help with our Thanksgiving Day project from 9:00–11:25. Please consider donating your time. Thank you!

# Mrs. Hayes' Classroom Connection

## Here's What's Been Going On! Balanced Literacy Program

Our classroom has a balanced literacy program, with several components. Students will be involved, daily, with reading and writing workshop, as well as spelling and word study. Secondly, students will also study grammar. Aside from this, we will be focusing on mastery of our handwriting skills.

Students will be reading books, solely at their independent level, while participating in whole class and small group mini-lessons.

We continued working on comprehension strategies, specifically being able to visualize what we are reading in our minds. We have also been working on improving our reading stamina. Aside from this, we have been working on the components of retellings, including the heart of the story/lesson learned.

## Word Study

Students will participate in a variety of activities, such as sorting words to understand phonemic patterns. Students will bring home a new list of words to study every other week. The list will be based on his/her

This week we began our character study unit, which entails being able to put ourselves in the characters shoes and empathize with the role they take on in the book.

This week we began our second writing unit, persuasive essay. Persuasive writing, is a form of writing in which the writer uses words to convince the reader that the writer's opinion is correct in regards to an issue such as why someone should play soccer or compete in gymnastics.

instructional spelling stage.

The test was on Thursday, October 27. The homework was due that day, as well.

## Special Schedule

Monday: Spanish and Technology  
Wednesday: Art  
Thursday: Library  
Friday: Gym

## Upcoming Events

10/24/16 - 10/27/16

Book Fair

10/25/16 and 10/27/16

Parent-Teacher Conferences

10/28/16 No School

10/31/16 Halloween Party

2:00 p.m.—3:00 p.m.

11/3/16 Third Grade Bake Sale

11/9/16 Popcorn/Spirit Day

\$0.25 Popcorn

11/15/16 PAC Meeting

8:30 a.m.

11/16/16 PTC Meeting

8:30 a.m.

11/17/16 Bake Sale

Thanksgiving Project

11/21/16-11/27/16 No School

Thanksgiving Break



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## Math

This week students continued learning about graphing, specifically a bar graph, double bar graph, pictograph and line plot, as well as their characteristics.

Please continue to help your child practice their multiplication cards on a nightly basis. It is crucial that students know these facts fluently.

Homework will be sent home frequently. The homework is a direct reflection of what was taught that day in class. Typically, there are only a few problems for homework.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Your constant support and dedication is truly appreciated.

## Social Studies

This week we continued the first unit in social studies. Students were introduced to the ways geographers look at places and the questions they ask about those places. Students reviewed the concept of region by exploring other regions to which their community belongs. We have also been learning about Michigan's natural characteristics including: landforms, bodies of water, vegetation and climate.

Every day is another day,  
to make your dreams come true.