



# 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE LEOPARD LOW-DOWN



Legend Springs  
Elementary School  
Glendale, AZ

December 09, 2013

**Reading Goal: I will read 100 or more words correctly in 1 minute.**  
**Math Goal: I will recall 100 multiplication facts in 5 minutes.**

## SAVE THE DATE...

Dec. 09 - PTA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m.  
Dec. 09-10 – Dibels Testing  
Dec. 12 – Winter Party 2:25  
(Nelson/DeVargas)  
Dec. 13. - Flagpole featuring 3rd grade  
Dec. 13 - Winter Party 2:25  
(Badger/Sromek)  
Dec. 20 - December Behavior Party  
Dec. 20 - Early Release 8:45-12:05 p.m.  
Dec. 20 - 2nd Quarter Ends  
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 - Winter Break/NoSchool  
Jan. 6 - Return to School  
Jan. 10 - Early Release 8:45-12:05 p.m.  
Jan. 13 - PTA Board Meeting 6:30 p.m. and  
PTA General Meeting at 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 17 - Flagpole Friday/100th Day  
Jan. 20 - MLK, Jr. Day - No School  
Jan. 24 - Flagpole Friday  
Jan. 31 - Flagpole Friday and January  
Behavior Party

## SCIENCE...

\* Change: The **SOUND** quiz that students had preparing for had been planned for Monday 12-9. This is the date they had written in their daily agendas, but our last investigation (which consisted of 4 pitch activities) took us longer than was indicated/planned for, so the quiz is being moved back to TUESDAY, December 10th. The students should be studying the information they have written in their notes- which is over the concepts we have been exploring since the week before TG. I will put a list of the vocabulary words they should have in their notebook on the 3rd Grade website HW link. :)

## This Week's Specials...

Mon-	Badger-PE Nelson-Art	DeVargas-PE Sromek-Music
Tues -	Badger-Music Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Art Sromek-PE
Wed-	Badger-PE Nelson- Music	DeVargas-PE Sromek-Art
Thurs-	Badger-Art Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Music Sromek-PE
Fri-	Badger-Music Nelson-PE	DeVargas-Art Sromek-PE

## Students of the Week:

Badger-Mia Abernathy  
DeVargas-Sarah Myers  
Nelson-Nicholas Bleasdale  
Sromek-Josh Woodall

## Box Top Count is...

Badger-627  
DeVargas-894  
Nelson-765  
Sromek-41

Parents should be signing planner every Thursday night. When you sign a planner it says you looked at Powerschools, planner, and behavior card.

**OUR THIRD GRADERS ARE PERFORMING AT FLAGPOLE THIS FRIDAY!**

**REMEMBER TO WEAR SCHOOL COLORS TO SHOW SCHOOL PRIDE!**

## Question of the Week?

What can we observe in different environments?

### Last Week's Question?

Students learned that people:

- Feed animals
- Rescue animals
- Study animals
- Teach about conservation

## Reading...

### Around One Cactus

By Anthony D. Fredericks

**Genre:** Narrative Nonfiction/Science

**Phonics/Word Analysis:** Silent Consonant Patterns wr, kn, gn, st, mb (i.e. knew, wrinkle)

**Comprehension Skill:** Cause and Effect - effect is something that happens and cause is why that thing happens. Sometimes words such as because, so, and since are clue words that signal cause and effect.

**Comprehension Strategy:** Predict and Set Purpose - good readers set a purpose for reading and use clues to help them predict what will happen next.

**Vocabulary Skill:** Prefixes and Suffixes

**Conventions:** Irregular Verbs

**Fluency:** Expression

## Vocabulary...

1. search
2. stinging
3. survivors
4. incredible
5. lofty
6. noble
7. topic
8. Unseen
9. waterless

## Math...

We will be working on Data and Graphs this week. Students will be conducting surveys, with a group, and creating graphs with their results.

Measurement/graph test will be on Friday. Pretest will come home as homework on Wednesday and Thursday.

**Learnzillion** assignment is due **December 13<sup>th</sup>**. I will be taking a grade on these assignments- NO late assignments accepted.

## Build Your Vocabulary with Amazing Words - 147

1. origin
2. appreciate
3. relationship
4. birch
5. centipede
6. dew
7. behold
8. cedar
9. border
10. preserve

Reading - All 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students have a Raz-kids account. We really want to encourage all students to work on comprehension skills, AIMS is approaching!

## Writing...

What to expect this week.....

- Week 18 writing packet
- Six Traits - Sentence Fluency
- Around One Cactus skills packet
- Dictation test
- Writer's Notebook activity