**We hope everyone enjoyed their additional time to spend with their families over the long holiday weekend!**

**Math Workshop**

This week in math we will continue investigating fractions. Students are learning how to compare fractions by reasoning about their size. They are also learning about equivalent fractions and are expected to generate simple fractions. For example: 1/2 = 2/4

**Important vocabulary: fraction, unit fraction, numerator, denominator, equal groups, equivalent, partition, compare, whole**

Don’t forget to check out these online resources!

* Math Expressions eGlossary: [http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mthexp/g3/index.html#](http://www.eduplace.com/kids/mthexp/g3/index.html%23)
* National Library of Virtual Manipulatives: <http://nlvm.usu.edu/en/nav/grade_g_2.html>
* Virtual Fraction Manipulatives (Select 3rd grade and then fraction circles or tiles)

<http://www.glencoe.com/sites/common_assets/mathematics/ebook_assets/vmf/VMF-Interface.html>

**Keep up the practice with those multiplication facts!**

**Mixed multiplication facts and division facts are coming up next!**

**4th Quarter Unit**

The third grade is working on an exciting integrated unit involving: geography, environmental literacy, culture and communities, soil, and plant growth and development. They are writing notes for research, reading non-fiction texts and magazines, and using online resources. Last week, students utilized their 21st century learning skills to research landforms of another country using the Time for Kids Global Edition and technology. Students have utilized their map skill abilities to create 3-D Landforms that will be presented on International night on Friday, May 9th.

Students are growing their own Brassica plants in the classroom. There are observing and measuring their plant’s growth everyday as they learn about the function of the following plant structures as it relates to the survival of plants in their environment: Roots -absorb nutrients, Stems -provide support, Leaves - synthesize food and Flowers – to attract pollinators and produce seed for reproduction

**Field Trip – Museum of Natural Science – May 15th**

The third grade team is very excited about our upcoming field trip to the Museum of Natural Science in Raleigh. Students will tour the museum, attend a class and even view a short film on Tornados! We are looking for volunteers for the event. You must be an approved volunteer if you would like to join us for the day to help out! The field trip will start around 9:30 and conclude at the end of the day. Please contact your classroom teacher if you are available.

**Important Dates:**

**April 28th – May 2nd** Spring Book Fair

This event will be held in the Media Center where we will offer fiction, non-fiction, storybooks, activity books, science kits, and more for all grade levels.

**May 9th** – International Night

**May 15th**: Field Trip to the Museum of Natural Science

**June 2-** 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Math EOG

**June 3**- 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade Reading EOG

**June 11**- 5th grade graduation celebration, 9:30am
**June 12**- Last Day of School, full day !