

Classroom Times

Teacher: Ms. McLoughlin and Ms. Elvia

Date: 10/01/09

Dear Families,

Welcome to October! Next week we will be taking a practice NYS ELA test. 3rd grade is the first year students have to take a NYS test. It is made up of reading passages and comprehension questions. There is also an editing part where students need to find mistakes in a paragraph of capitals and punctuation. Students will also listen to a story and have to answer questions. After we grade the practice test, I will send it home so you have a better idea of the kinds of questions asked.

Also in math we will be working with money. Any time you are dealing with money please try to involve your child in counting it, making change. This would be great practice they would enjoy doing!

Please feel free to contact me for any reason, or if you have any questions. Phone: 274-6312, or by e-mail: mmcloughlin@arkcharter.org.

Thank You,

Miss McLoughlin

Spelling Words for next week: Continents

1. North America
2. South America
3. Europe
4. Asia
5. Africa
6. Antarctica
7. Australia

ELA – Next week we will be taking a practice NYS test. This will help us to know what we know and what we still need to work on for the real NYS test in April.

Math— Next week we will begin counting money and making change. We will also take our chapter 1 test.

Science/Social Studies- We will be doing a leaf identification project. We will decide whether a leaf is deciduous and coniferous. We will be taking a field trip to take a closer look at tree and leaf investigation sometime in October.

Writing-We are finishing our autobiographies. We are learning lots of cool things about ourselves as writers and information about each other.

Important Dates:

October 12th – NO SCHOOL

October _?_ --- Field Trip

October 30th – ½ Day

Sign and return for \$1.00 McLoughlin Money!!

X _____