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The Word  
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Third  
Monday,  
February 3  
to  
Friday,  
February 21

# Fact Fluency

As we come to the end of the second trimester (Can you believe it?), I'd like to remind you that your child will be assessed over the expectation is that third graders are fluent with all the basic multiplication facts. While some students have shown me their knowledge and efficient use of all of the factors, many students still need to memorize to spend time with activities that build fluency.

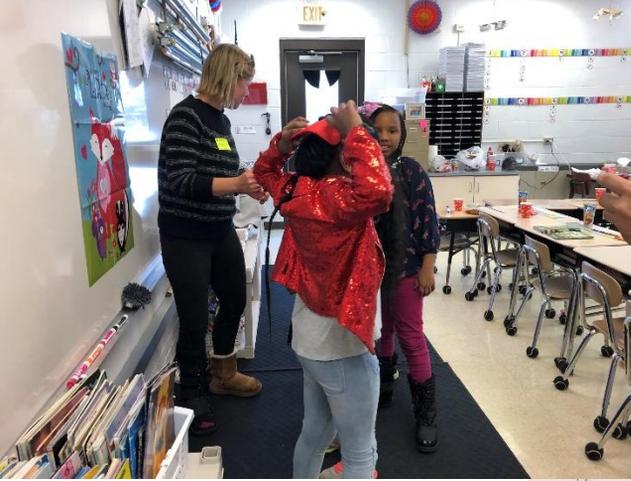
At this point, this work needs to be completed outside of the school day. As you know, we have included build fact fluency in our assignment notebooks. I have had lessons during math class on how to spend time building that fluency. I am asking for your help in ensuring that your child is spending time daily in the pursuit of fact acquisition. This is a great group of kids, and I would love for all of them to be successful in this endeavor.

## Language Standards

While our language standards don't get as much space in the newsletter as our math or reading standards, they are just as important. Your child's ability to follow the rules of speaking and writing impacts his or her ability to relay ideas and be understood. Many of us discussed these standards during the fall conferences as we looked at report cards.

At this stage, every child knows the when and why of capitalization and punctuation. Now it is up to each child to apply this knowledge to his or her writing. If you notice your child writing sentences without capital letters at the beginning or punctuation at the end, please remind them that something is missing. He or she should spot what needs to be corrected immediately.

You may remember that I shared that there are quite a few grammar standards. We have now completed our mini-lessons about these standards. All students received explicit instruction, an opportunity for some guided practice, and a chance to apply the grammar "rule" on his or her own. Upon completion, each student took an assessment of his or her ability to identify correct grammatical usage in isolation. As with capitalization and punctuation, it is now time for your child to apply these grammar standards in his or her daily writing.



# Happy Valentine's Day From 3E!

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great party!

