

# Room 20 Update

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## Biography Projects

Watch for information coming home next month about our biography projects for February and March. For those who have had third graders before you will find that we have changed it up a bit! Your child should bring home a book sometime the week before Winter Break. The book will be about a famous person of their choice. I will be directing each child to books that are at their level. Between the day they bring it home and the Monday right after vacation your child will need to read the book and take a few notes about their famous person. After vacation a lot of their homework will involve this project. Look for further information to come home with their books.



## Mathlete

We are once again challenging the students to become Mathletes this year. Third graders need to complete 20 problems of multiplication and/or division in one minute – that's about three seconds for each problem. These quizzes will include all facts through 10x10. Please help your child to learn these facts to help her/him be successful in future math classes.

I can't wait to see how many of my students become Mathletes this year!

## Healthy Snacks

apple  
raisins  
carrots  
cheese sticks



## Writing

We have been working on paragraph structure recently. We are finishing our informational writing unit and will be starting our persuasive writing unit. Ask your child about some of the writing they have been doing in class. Feel free to discuss possible writing topics to them and have him/her talk to you about the topic. Talking about a topic will help your child be able to write easier about the topic.

## Social Studies

We are learning some facts and about South America and the culture of at least one country located on the continent. Ask your child to share something talked about in class.

## Science

In class we have been discussing the water cycle. We have read several books in reading class that also discussed the water cycle. See if your child can you retell something they read recently.