



SCHOOLHOUSE NEWS

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3rd Grade

Hey Awesome 3rd Graders!

Here are some things to work on to keep your skills sharp and get you ready for 4th grade! Your teachers are missing you and wishing we were back in class with you. We CANNOT wait to see you again and give you a giant hug!

We want you to keep reading, reading, reading! You can use the reading log to keep track of your reading! Have your grownup initial it for you. Your Close Reader story this week is "Paca and the Beetle". Read along and complete each task given in the story. You can then use the Choice Board and complete the activities using "Paca and the Beetle".

Your Cold Read this week is "Croc!" Have a family member time you for one minute and see how far you can get on Monday. Practice it throughout the week (at least once a day) and then time yourself again on Friday. We know you will make a lot of good progress by Friday!

You also have 2 pages on Final Syllables to complete.

For math you have a lot of good addition, subtraction, and place value practice. Try to find other ways to practice your math facts too! Try rolling 2 dies, drawing 2 cards, or pulling a domino from a pile and adding or subtracting them!

Work hard and have fun! We miss you!

Reading Bingo

Complete 5 activities in a row this week! You need to read for 20 minutes to earn the square. Have a grown initial your square when you're done!

Read with a flashlight	Read in a pillow fort	Read to a stuffed or real animal	Read outside	Read your favorite picture book
Read under your bed or in your closet	Read in bed	Read on a computer or tablet	Read a magazine article	Read out loud to a family member
Read and then tell an adult about your book	Read in a comfy spot	Read under a tree	Read somewhere you've never read before	Read the instructions to a game you can play with a family member
Read a book that is part of a series	Read and then draw a picture of the main character	Read outside	Read the newspaper	Read under a blanket
Read and write a letter to a character	Read outside	Read in a new place	Read and then tell an adult about your book	Read in bed

Background Folktales are stories that have been told for a long time. They often tell how something in nature came to be. They may include a moral, or lesson, too.

Setting a Purpose Read the text to learn what happens when two animals have a race to win a big prize.

Paca and the Beetle

A FOLKTALE FROM BRAZIL

1 Read As you read, look for text evidence.

- Circle the names of the three animals in the tale.
- Underline the sentence that tells what the winner of the race will get as a prize.

A beautiful red, blue, gold, and green macaw watched a brown beetle as it crawled across the jungle floor.

"Where are you going, my friend?" Macaw called out.
"I am going to the sea."

Just then, a paca skittered by.

"You?" Paca laughed. "You're so slow it will take you a hundred years!" Macaw looked down. "You shouldn't brag, Paca. Why don't you race him? I'll give a new coat to whoever first reaches the big tree beside the river."

2 Read As you read, look for text evidence.

- Circle the words that tell about the photo.
- Underline a sentence that shows Paca is sure he will win the race, even before the race starts.

jaguar:

Paca laughed harder.

"This is no race!" he giggled. "You may as well give me the yellow coat and black spots of a **jaguar** right now!"

dashed:

"I will race," Beetle said. "If I win, I would like a coat like yours, Macaw."

Paca **dashed** away. Then he thought, "Why should I hurry? I am so much faster than slow Beetle. I can take my time." He smiled, thinking of the fine new coat he would soon wear.

Scarlet macaws are found throughout South America. These spectacular birds are about three feet long from head to tail.

3 Reread and Discuss Reread the page and look at the photo.

Why is it useful to see a photo of a scarlet macaw? How does it help you understand the story? Cite text evidence in your discussion.

SHORT RESPONSE

Cite Text Evidence Why does Paca decide to take his time after the start of the race? What does this tell you about him? Cite details from the text.

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