January was a busy month for grade three filled with learning and fun. We continued to learn new vocabulary and to improve our skills. We are looking forward to a prosperous rest of the year filled with fun and lots of learning with your daughters.

We ask for your help in this by making sure your child gets the needed rest and eats a healthy breakfast that her body needs. We also ask that you, please, make sure your child arrives to school on time and is ready for class by 7:30 a.m. each day.

Agendas should be signed. This is a vital routine to be consistent with and we appreciate your cooperation in this. Please continue to check the Thursday folders each week. We have been sending home student work as well as important information about upcoming events.

Please refer to The Student Handbook, Homework Policy pages 14-15 for missing work and absence policies.

In **Language Arts**, the students will refine their understanding of how opinion writing is organized in 3rd grade. The girls will practice writing opinion pieces with more independence. We will continue our third theme *Incredible Stories*. Our next selection is *Raising Dragons*. The students will evaluate, question, predict and infer. The girls will also learn how to read a diagram, use the newspaper, the atlas and encyclopedia to find information. We will improve our skills in choosing the correct meaning and using a thesaurus. We will continue to learn about possessive nouns, identifying verbs, using exact verbs, present time and subject-verb agreement. The girls will also learn word endings -er, -est, and -y suffixes.

In **Science**, we will be investigating engineering designs for the next several weeks. The girls will be designing simple designs in which they will have to research, investigate and reflect on possible solution and outcomes.

In **Math**, we will continue with fractions and decimals. We’ll learn about dividing a pizza into halves, thirds, quarters, etc. By comparing fractions, we’ll see which fractions are bigger and which ones are smaller. We’ll learn about equivalent fractions. Did you know that 1/2 is equal to 3/6? We’ll also learn how to write fractions as decimals.

In **Social Studies**, we will be learning all about Kuwait: its history, geography, customs and traditions. This will lead up to our Kuwait National Day celebration.

**Reminders:**

- **February 10:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (2:45-4:45)
- **February 11:** Parent-Teacher Conferences (9:00-2:00) **No students.**
- Our National Day Celebration is on **February 17**.
- National and Liberation holiday is from **February 21st to February 25th**.

“The greatest gifts you can give your children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence.”

Denis Waitley