



BLUE OAK SCHOOL

A WALDORF-INSPIRED PUBLIC CHARTER (K-8)

Winter in 3rd Grade

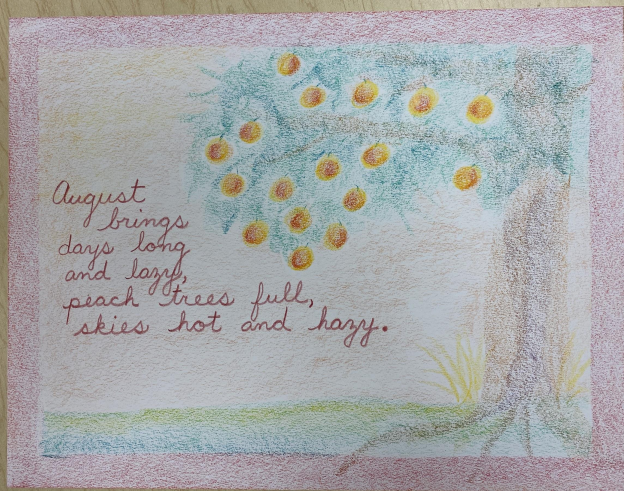
Calendar Work

Ms. Sheila's class has been working on making calendars as we move into the new year. The calendars are beautiful, and are a great way to practice 3rd grade skills!



Calendar Connections

The calendars are great practice for skip counting and multiplication by 7s, spelling the months and days of the week, the length of each month, and how the dates fall.

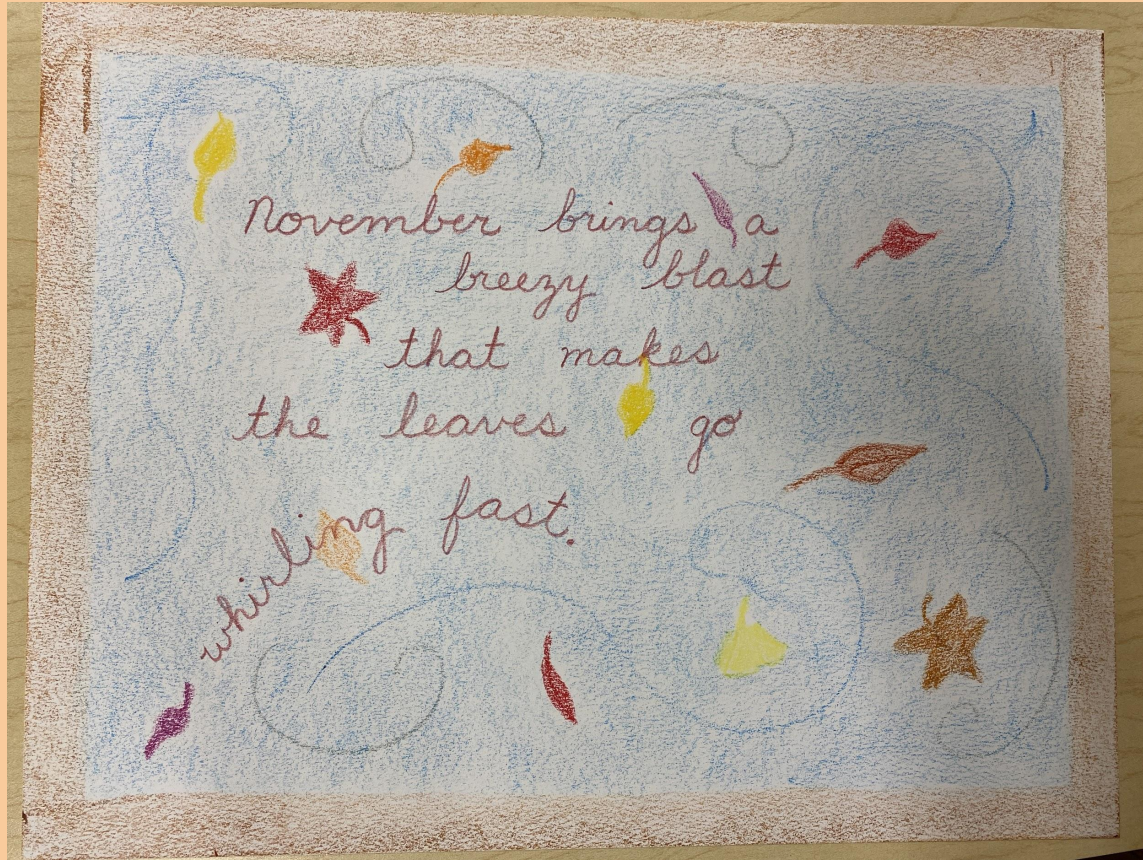


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	August
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
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Appreciation for the Seasons

Students learn about the seasons through 3rd grade curriculum and practical skills work.

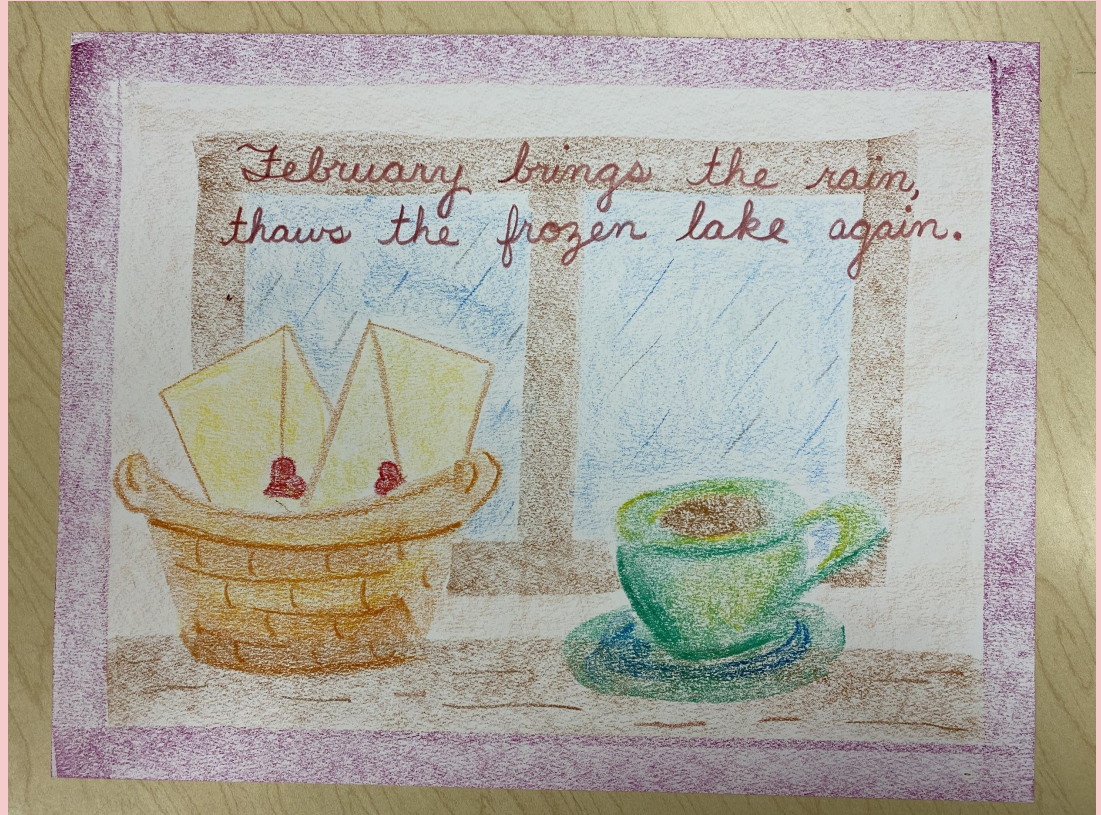
- How are the different seasons important in gardening?
- Can we recall the feeling of different months?
- Do we notice what is happening in nature during different months?



Time and Measurement

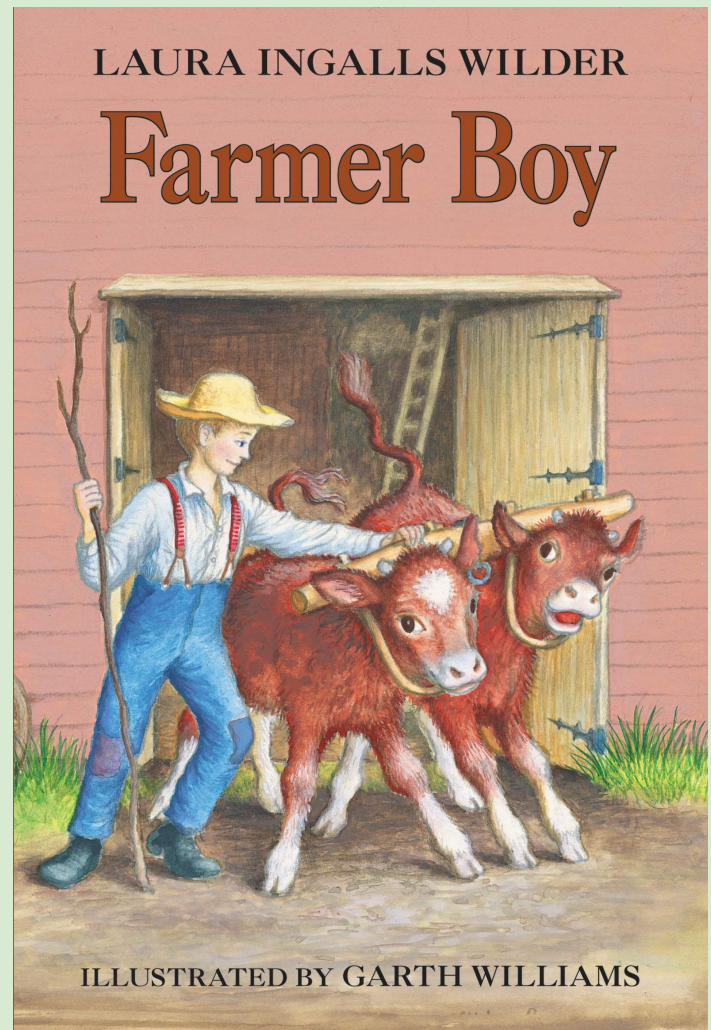
Time and measurement are skills taught in 3rd grade, not only because they are California standards, but because they are important skills.

3rd graders are ready and eager to learn this information because they are working in practical skills.



Farmer Boy

Ms. Sheila's class has been reading this book, which starts and ends in winter. This is a wonderful story, with a lot of connections to math, the passing of time and seasons, and to the practical arts at the heart of Third Grade: gardening, cooking, fibers, and shelter.



Special Connection

Ms. Sheila's great-grandmother wrote poetry, and this is now being shared with Ms. Sheila's class. Ms. Sheila did the math, and her grandma was the same age as the daughter of Almanzo (from Farmer Boy) and Laura Ingalls Wilder!



Ms. Sheila and her
great-grandma



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