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# Classroom Newsletter

## Progress Reports

Progress Reports will be going home on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> along with work samples. 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are graded in more subject areas than 2<sup>nd</sup> graders so the progress report will look different. Students will be given a letter grade in the subjects of Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Health and conduct. Spelling is no longer a separate subject. It is included as a part of Language Arts. Please be sure to sign and return the Progress Reports on Monday.

## Inference

This week's reading strategy is inference. Inference is when you, as the reader, make a judgment about a story. For example, in the story *Mulan*, you may infer that Mulan is very independent. The author of *Mulan* may not have necessarily said this directly but you may infer based on things that Mulan has done. To help your child with this strategy, you may want to stop him/her as they read and ask them why questions. As we have explained in class, they must provide "evidence" for their inferences. This can include pictures, text, background knowledge, and experiences.

## Club Einstein

Club Einstein questions have been updated. New questions have been posted and are due September 26, 2008. So far we have a FOUR way tie for the most points on Club Einstein but it is still early in the game. We also had some new students try Club Einstein this time around. If you have not tried it, give it a shot. The Weekly Brain Buster has also been updated. Celine, Tori, Jasper, and Katie answered the Brain Buster correctly this time. Who will answer it next? This is an excellent way to prepare for the Math FCAT.

## Scholastic News

Scholastic News is an excellent magazine resource that we will be subscribing to this year. The cost is \$3.99 with checks made payable to Scholastic. Scholastic News provides practice in research skills, non-fiction texts, current events, and much more. It has been correlated to meet a wide range of 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunshine State Standards. Only half have turned in their money. Thank you to those that have turned in your money. **If you have not sent in your \$3.99, please help us to purchase this worthwhile resource. Thank you!**

