



3 BOOKS TO GIVE AWAY: (excellent condition)

Teaching and the Adolescent Brain: An Educator's Guide by Joe Schenck

WRITE Beside Them by Penny Kittle

Clock Watchers: Six Steps to Motivating and Engaging Students Across Content Areas by Cris Tovani

BIOGRAPHY PROJECT-

Do the names Cecily Sunday, Gina Ressler, Sarah English, Carman Drahl, Ben Littlefield, or Birute Mary Galdikas mean anything to you? If not, ask a 3rd grade student.

How about Bill Nye or Jane Goodall? Ahh... Now there's a connection.

Students in third grade are writing biographies but not about "dead famous people". To enliven the assignment and make it more relevant, Mrs. Short and Mr. Varley connected students through the use of Twitter to scientists willing to be interviewed. Students developed and typed interview questions relating to the personal and professional lives of their chosen scientists, created formal letters in a word document, and used email to communicate. They are now using the information they gathered to write biography reports.

As you can see, 3rd graders are interested in a variety of scientific research.

Cecily Sunday (NASA Roboticist – Mars and Venus Rover Missions)

Gina Ressler (Aviation Meteorologist)

Sarah English (Equine Scientist)

Carmen Drahl (Chemist)

Ben Littlefield (Chemist)

Birute Mary Galdikas (Orangutan Scientist)

Bill Nye the Science Guy and Jane Goodall did not respond to the request for an interview so the two students are using web pages to find answers to their interview questions.

The month of March:

National March into Literacy Month

March 1-7

National Write a Letter of Appreciation Week

March 6-12

National Words Matter Week

Read an E-Book Week

Return a Borrowed Book Week

March 10-12

International Listening Weekend

March 20-26

World Folklore and Fables Week

March 2 ... *NEA's Read Across America Day*, March 3 ... *World Book Day*

March 21... *Poetry Day*, March 22 ... *Education and Sharing Day*

