



THE
WEEK OF
December 5th-
December 9th

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week we will review our tests on Monday that we took on Friday. In addition, all students will be switching back into their homeroom class for this next module. We found that having our own students back to assess their progress on various math standards is an excellent idea. I will be glad to have my homeroom students back! Our next module is focusing on multiplication and division once again. However, we will be focusing very specifically on learning our 6, 7, 8 and 9's facts. Please encourage your student to continue practicing their math facts every night as this will help with fluency greatly!

Reading: We are beginning our Fourth Reading Unit which focuses specifically on summarizing and synthesizing both nonfiction and fiction. Synthesizing requires making inferences (reading between the lines of a text.) Thus, we will be practicing this skill as well! We will focus on reading a variety of texts during our mini-lessons this week including small Pixar Animation shorts which are quite excellent for practicing inferencing and synthesizing. We will continue reading our novels this week. Students are doing an excellent job with their recent analysis of their novel they are studying. In addition, students will continue to work on their complex nonfiction book that they chose last week to practice the skill.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will continue our new read-aloud entitled *The Bridge to Terabithia*. Students have done a nice job thus far analyzing character and determining the various central messages that the author relays within each chapter.

Writing: This week, we will complete our Realistic Fiction stories. Students came up with some very creative problems to their realistic fiction stories. We focused last week on coming up with an unexpected twist at the end to make the falling action of our stories exciting to read. This week, we will talk about descriptive language as well as how to incorporate personification, similes and metaphors within our writing! On Friday, we will start into our new Writing Unit as we move from Narrative Writing into Informational Writing specifically. We will review our lowercase letters this week in cursive and will be moving onto capital letters during our next lesson.

Science: We will begin our new Chemical Testing unit. Students will learn about the various properties of matter as well as beginning to recognize both the physical and chemical properties of matter! We will continue with our unknowns as we test them with vinegar and cabbage juice. Students will also talk about what it means for a chemical reaction to take place

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a relaxing weekend! It appears that there will be flurries in the forecast for this week. I suppose it is truly beginning to feel like the holiday season! We have somewhat of a normal schedule this week. Students did begin Spanish last week and this will now take place on Wednesdays in the mornings.

A quick reminder that students should be reading their accelerated reader books. In addition, all students should continue to practice their multiplication facts!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Friday: Spelling Test

Thursday: A brief quiz regarding word problems and using a correct unknown variable.

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Our TAG presentation will take place this week! Our third grade students will also be leading an integrity assembly to take place this coming Thursday!