



THE
WEEK OF
December
12th-
December
16th

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week we will continue module 3 which focuses specifically on 6,7 and 8 facts as well as reviews word problems, the associative property and the distributive properties of multiplication. The students did an excellent job with their word problem quizzes last Friday. All of us are getting much better at determining the question the problem is asking and modeling the problem using a tape diagram! We will begin our math classes this week with some holiday brain teasers to focus on some of our abstract reasoning and problem solving skills!

Reading: We will continue our Fourth Reading Unit on Summarizing, Finding the Main Idea and determining story elements in our Realistic Fiction novels. We began a few text dependent analysis questions with a few groups last week and they did a marvelous job finding and explaining their evidence in the text! We will be finishing up our novels early next week before the holidays.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will be concluding the novel *Bridge To Terabithia* this week. Next week, the students will be participating in an activity that focuses on the central message behind the novel *Bridge to Terabithia*, what was learned about friendship and more importantly, family.

Writing: Last week the students concluded their final Realistic Fiction piece. The stories they produced were creative, descriptive and simply excellent to read. We have come such a long way with organizing our pieces, adding flavorful dialogue and really developing our characters as the story progresses. This week we will officially begin our information writing unit with a procedural writing piece. Students will be selecting an activity they enjoy doing/a recipe they enjoy making during the winter season. We will learn how to set up a procedural pieces, how to write a hook and conclusion and how to go about task analyzing our steps!

Science: We will continue our 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 this week. We will also review the difference between a solution and a suspension. By the end of this week, students will have discovered the unknowns!

Grammar: This week we will continue our verb unit. Students will be focusing on past tense, versus present tense and future tense. In addition, students will focus on "to be" verbs and how to find them within the text.

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a relaxing weekend! It was somewhat bitter outside, so it is my hopes that you warmed up inside with family and friends.

A quick reminder that students should be reading their accelerated reader books. In addition, all students should continue to practice their multiplication facts! Recently, many students have been passing their multiplication tests on their first try! In addition, it is making many of our word problems easier in the classroom! Please continue to encourage your student to continue practicing these facts.

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Friday: Spelling Test

IMPORTANT NOTES!

A very big thank you to Mrs. Wilson for coming in for our TAG presentation! It was a wonderful lesson and the students really enjoyed it!