

# This Week in Third Grade...



If I cannot do  
great things,  
I can do small things  
in a great way.

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**Math:** This week in 3A, we will be continuing our use and application of three digit by one digit long division. In addition, we will be reviewing word problem strategies through our daily "Math Talks" as well as thinking about inverse operations and how this is applied to basic algebraic expressions as well as equations! Students will think about inverse operations through hands on activities as well as stations with partners as we prepare for our upcoming fourth grade math year. We will be reviewing other concepts through this week learned throughout the year so that we are ready to take part in our final Math Capstone Project starting on Friday. Students will be part of a group where they will be required to choose a "house" to stay in for a beach vacation, calculate meal costs, solve multi-word problem along the way, utilize fractions and graphing skills to complete their trip. The Capstone is split up into 5 days! Each day is another adventure on our beach vacation. On Friday, we will also have a culminating word problem test reviewing the skills we have been learning throughout the year when tackling complex word problems!

**Reading:** This week, students will be engaging in new vocabulary words, spelling as well as diving into the last chapters of our novel "Moo." Moo is a unique novel in that it is written in prose. It also has a beautiful message, wonderful characters and relatable life experiences. Students will be engaging in a variety of hands on projects as we embark upon the first chapters of this particular novel reviewing all the concepts we have learned throughout this year. Students have done an exceptional job responding through poetry as well as short answers responses and discussions to this particular novel. Students will begin a final project on Friday where they are required to write free verse poems from each of the characters perspectives gleaning important "life lessons" learned throughout the story.

**Grammar:** This week, we will be reviewing comparative adverbs and adjectives as well as really focusing on being able to differentiate between an adverb and an adjective/identifying which one is which. We will also review nouns, possessive nouns, verbs and more as we close out this year in grammar! Students will engage in a variety of partner activities but also letters written to the class where errors have occurred and must be fixed.

**Writing/ Handwriting:** Students will be engaging in various creative cursive activities to keep up the cursive learned throughout his year. This week we will be continuing our poetry unit as we focus solely on hip hop poetry. On Monday we will work on Sound poetry once again but focusing on the topic of "Summer" as we begin with Walter Dean Myer's poem. Students will choose a topic from summer and explore sounds related. Tuesday, we will really explore the birth of hip hop and poetry as we explore an intro into hip hop and analyze Charles Junior's poem entitled "They call me." On Thursday, we will focus on the beauty of diversity as we end our final poetry piece looking at Maya Angelou's "Human Family" But also the poem entitled "We equal." On Friday, students will work on selecting their absolute favorite poems and then we will begin revising and illustrating to prepare ourselves for our final poetry performance the following Tuesday within our classroom.

**Social Studies:** Students will spend Tuesday and Wednesday continuing to delve into the problem of food waste and potential solutions. In addition, we will learn how to write a thesis to a problem and solution essay as well as a first paragraph that chooses what we believe to be the "most practical" solution to the food waste problem explaining why and providing examples from our readings. On Thursday, students will be conducting their own research as they complete their final Social Studies Project focusing on a global issue they find to be of importance. Students will conduct research Thursday and Friday and will begin speech writing next week as well as slides to be presented the last few days of school.



Dear Families,  
I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend! It was an absolute picture perfect Memorial Day Weekend. We have a lot planned for this week in our classroom! Just a reminder that Wednesday is Kennywood Day and also an early dismissal day! We do have spelling words for this week! <https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=61770178>  
Please let me know if you have any questions!

Warmly,  
Mrs. Amoscato



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## Upcoming Tests

Math: Final Problem Solving Test on Friday

There will be spelling, comprehension and vocabulary tests on Friday and Thursday of this week!



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday is Kennywood Day and also a half day for our students!