

This Week in Third Grade...



Math: Starting this Tuesday, students will be introduced to a "Capstone Project." In this capstone project, students must make real world decisions such as where they want to stay when they go on vacation and how much it will cost, how to calculate restaurant bills and tips when looking at a menu, applying multiplication and division, elapsed time, fractions, graphing and data analysis. The students are going on a "fake trip" to the beach and thus real-world decisions such as bike rentals and kayaking rentals and grocery fees will be factored into this journey! This capstone has been a work in progress for a few months and now we are bringing it to life! Students will have their final Math Test on Thursday of this week which will focus solely on the Read. Draw. Write method of word problems. We will continue to review word problems throughout this week to prepare for this test.

Reading: This week, students will be reviewing vocabulary words throughout the year as well as focusing on learning new latin and greek words and figurative language. Students will be participating in one of three guided reading groups until the end of the year reading a famous "classic" piece of literature. The choices are as follows: Les Miserables, The Jungle Book and Robinhood. Students will each be assigned a role every time they read one or two chapters to focus on a specific section of the story that is of interest to them! This is a great way to end the year and the students are truly excited about these novels.

Writing/ Grammar: We will continue our next writing unit which focuses on writing Poetry. Students usually have a fabulous time listening, reading and creating their own poems based off of various prompts, subjects and themes! This week, we will be practicing for our poetry cafe to take place on Thursday from 1:30 to 2:00 in the afternoon! The students have been working so hard and they are excited to show off what they have created.

Read Aloud: We will be concluding this year with various small works. Tomorrow, we will be starting a fantasy book entitled "The Great Kettles." It is an intriguing book with an interesting plot twist.

Handwriting: We will be reviewing our lowercase letters this week through the connecting of two or three letters to make words. In addition, we will continue capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. Our pieces these days are now written completely in cursive (which is quite excellent!) In addition, students will be writing a "paragraph" autobiography as a fun end of year project. All will be written carefully in cursive! We will be completing an "autobiography paragraph" in cursive for the end of the year as well as a final letter to our pen pals. The pen pal project in correspondence with our novel has been a great journey! Students will send one final letter this week with a surprise SKYPE date with our Pen Pal class towards the end of the wee.

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

Hello! A very Happy Memorial Day to all! We had a beautiful last field trip at PNC park last week! The students had a wonderful time and learned much about our city! It is hard to believe this is now our second to last week of school! Our Poetry Reading will take place this coming Thursday starting at 1:30 and ending around 2:00! All are welcome to attend! The students are truly looking forward to it! I hope you have a wonderful day filled with good weather, smiles, picnics, fun, laughter and family time!

Warmly,
Mrs. Amoscato



Upcoming Tests

SPELLING and READING test will be given on Friday.

A grammar quiz will take place on Friday

A Math TEST will take place on Thursday!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Poetry Class Reading will take place this coming Thursday from 1:30-2:00! All parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are welcome!