



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week students will spend Monday and Tuesday reviewing every single concept learned throughout our Unit two including word problems (multi-step) multiplication and division, addition and subtraction, rounding through application, telling time as well as elapsed time. We will conduct review centers on Monday as well as have time to review the study guide on Tuesday. Our Test will be on Wednesday and then we will move into our Module 3 Unit which is reviewing multiplication and division concepts, word problems and more.

Reading: We greatly enjoyed our reading class last week as students participated in a smaller sized novel study. We discussed various elements of literature, discussed theme and characterization and talked a lot about the complex plot unfolding in both of the novels. This week, we will be back in our Journeys book for our Nonfiction Main Selection entitled "Technology Wins the Game." In addition, students will be reading a separate Main Selection by Joseph Bruchac entitled "Jim Thorpe's Bright Path" as we continue to celebrate Native American history this month in the classroom. We will also be close reading a poem entitled "One River Gives."

Grammar: This week we will be moving into pronouns and reflexive pronouns. Students will identify pronouns and utilize pronouns through various poetry activities as well as independent and small group activities. In addition, we will be reviewing irregular plural nouns as we write a "gratitude" poem and analyze our new poem "Hope" by Emily Dickinson.

Writing/ Handwriting: Students will begin another cursive writing lesson this week as review letters taught last week but also move into fluency with lowercase letters by creating and decorating a "Giving Thanks Quote" in cursive. We researched, read and discussed the history of the mainstream Thanksgiving versus the actual Thanksgiving story and thought about the pilgrims, native americans, hardships, cultural setting and the difference between these elements in both versions of the story. This week, we will review similarities but also begin our compare and contrast essay as we learn how to craft an introductory paragraph that ends with a thesis. In addition, we will focus on writing an organized compare and contrast essay/paragraphs as we focus on point-by-point structure, neat handwriting, proper spelling, robust vocabulary words and more.

Social Studies: Students completed their Pennsylvania Geography Projects as they explored natural resources, industry, wildlife, climate and more in the state of Pennsylvania. This week will be concluding our research on Monday. On Tuesday, through the remainder of the week, students will be responsible for learning how to write a paragraph out of the notes they collected. We will focus on proper topic sentence, body of the paragraph as well as the conclusion. In addition, students will begin putting their state scrapbook research project together as they utilize a variety of scrapbooking supplies as well as other tools to complete their state project.



Dear Families,

We have quite a busy week planned ahead. On Tuesday morning, we will travel to Dorseyville Middle School to watch the play performance. On Thursday, students will attend a Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra concert field trip which will take place during our morning. Also, Student Council has a very special Play it Forward project going on right now until December 10th. If possible, students are encouraged to bring in old toys, books, electronics that are gently used to donate to families in need this holiday season! Any or all donations would be greatly appreciated! Just a reminder that you may find all newsletters posted on my site [ms.amoscato.com](https://www.amoscato.com). You can access the newsletter this week by clicking on the Third Grade tab on the top of my website. Then, hovering over with your cursor and clicking on "newsletters."

In addition, spelling words for this week I have posted on spelling city: The spelling words we are learning are the following:
<https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=58500172>

Upcoming Tests

Reading: Comprehension tests
Thursday

Spelling-Friday

Math- TEST WEDNESDAY END
of CHAPTER TWO

Special ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra Concert is this coming Thursday
DMS play is this coming Tuesday!

Please make sure your student is practicing multiplication facts as well as their spelling words at home!

Most students have received their AR books and many have already completed their book for this month! I'm quite proud :)