

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week we will focus on multi-step word problems as well as solving four digit by one digit long division problems. On Wednesday and Thursday, we will spend our time learning how to divide and multiply money amounts. Students will participate in a "real-life" experience where they are given a menu from a restaurant in New York City as well as various problems relating to how much specific tables have spent on their food. On Friday, we will begin moving towards fourth grade level curriculum to prepare the students for the beginning of their fourth grade year.

Reading: We are continuing with our reading unit involving an extensive study of "the classics." Students will be reading classic novels while participating in extensive novel literature groups in addition to reading with me. The purpose of the literature groups is to transfer the power over to the students so that they begin to ask themselves questions, identify the central message of the story and think about the complex plot and setting within each chapter. Students will be rotating through a series of jobs that reviews various comprehension skills as they go through each discussion group session for various chapters. In addition to their guided reading novel, students will be participating in literature review centers reviewing nonfiction text, analyzing poetry, looking up words in the dictionary and participating in an independent picture book analysis.

Writing: We will be concluding our poetry unit this week. On Monday, students will be writing a "feeling" poem where they are asked to compare a feeling word to a particular image. The rest of the week students will be analyzing rhyming patterns by looking at poetry and various songs that utilize rhyming patterns. A rhyming poem will be modeled and written before the end of the week.

Social Studies: In Social Studies, we are focusing very specifically on government this week. Students will understand and learn the roles of the local, state and federal government. In addition, students will be close reading the preamble of our constitution and understanding why the Founding Father's decided the constitution needed a Bill of Rights.

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a very relaxing Memorial Day! I cannot believe we have just 9 days of school left in the year. Tomorrow we will follow an activity schedule due to the band concert in the afternoon. Our very last spelling test will take place this coming Friday!

Towards the end of the week you will receive your child's last progress report for the year as well as a reading list for the summer and a useful list of websites!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Spelling Test Friday

IMPORTANT NOTES!

A Band Concert will take place at 1:30 tomorrow afternoon