

# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Currently, most students are practicing their 6 multiplication facts and beyond! We will continue to have multiplication tests Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students are still timed for 2 minutes and expected to solve 48 problems in this amount of time! We are finishing up Module 4 on area this week. Every math class will receive a study guide tomorrow in class and go over this with the teacher. Also, everyone will have a Math Test on area on Tuesday! On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will be beginning Module 5 which is all about fractions!

**Reading:** Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. We are currently on our third week of our reading Unit. Students will continue to explore the Persuasive Genre in their guided reading group as well as through their independent work!

**Writing:** We will continue writing a persuasive piece as a full class on Monday. Throughout the rest of the week, students will be choosing their Persuasive Writing topic as well as beginning their graphic organizer. We are focusing on writing with solid reasons towards our argument and evidence to back up our claims!

**Science:** This week we will continue our Rocks and Minerals Unit. Particularly we will be focusing on the property of hardness and discussing how geologists go about determining the hardness of each rock or mineral. In addition to small mini-lessons, students will be experimenting with rocks and exploring hardness through hands-on labs with their science partner.

## Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful Super Bowl weekend. Just a reminder that you should be checking your child's homework every night. Homework logs should be signed daily by a parent (including Fridays!) Students should be practicing their multiplication facts every night! Once they pass their multiplication timed test (2 minutes) they will move on to the next set of multiplication facts. At least 10 minutes should be devoted to facts each night! In addition, students should be practicing their spelling words every night! Studying small chunks every night will make the studying more manageable!

As I have told my students before, they are encouraged to decorate a box or a bag and bring it in sometime before Friday! Valentines will be exchanged on Friday! If students wish to bring in Valentines, they must bring them in for everyone in the class!

Lastly, the 100th day of school is tomorrow, February 8th, 2016! I will be dressing up as someone who is "100" years old, and I am encouraging my students to dress up as 100 years old as well!

### Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, February 12th, 2016.

A Math Test will take place Tuesday, February 9th, 2016.

### Important Notes!

\* Our Valentine's Day Party is on Friday, February 12, 2016!