

## This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Currently, most students are practicing their 8 multiplication facts and beyond. We are continuing our geometry unit this week by focusing specifically on geometry word problems involving perimeter and area. In addition, students will work on finding the missing side lengths of various shapes given what the students know about the shapes and their attributes. A small quiz will be given in my math class on Friday as a review of what we have learned in geometry thus far. A study guide will be reviewed and sent home on Thursday!

**Reading:** We will complete our box car children books this week. Students will be working on a "final project" that involves a close-reading excerpt from the novel, vocabulary and a character analysis. Students will also be creating dioramas within their groups in order to depict a "pivotal scene" within the story.

**Writing:** We will continue to review the writing process with Opinion Prompts this upcoming week. This Tuesday, we will be reviewing how to write both a how-to piece as well as an informational piece regarding various topics. Revision and editing (as always) will take place after the first draft is written and discussed.

**Science:** We are beginning our Plant Growth and Development Unit this week. In addition to learning the specific parts of a plant, the process of photosynthesis and the anatomy of a bean seed, students will be measuring and analyzing the growth of their Wisconsin Fast Plant throughout the next few weeks. This is an excellent unit filled with an incredible amount of exciting content!

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

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful 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!

I hope everyone had an incredibly restful Spring Break! It was definitely needed among both students and teachers! The students have come back eager and excited to work hard as we move forward through the last quarter of this school year. This year certainly traveled by quickly. I am in awe of how much the students have accomplished in the course of a year.

### Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, April 1, 2016

A Math Quiz will take place on Friday, April 1, 2016.

### IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling: Unit 25: center, advice, sentence, circus, office, decide, recess, cider, collect, certain, distance, fancy, cough, captain, college.

Students should be reading their books report books every night! Book reports are due by FRIDAY April 1st!

A half day will take place on Friday, April 1st, 2016. The students will leave around 11:30.



THE WEEK OF  
March 28th-  
April 1st