



# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** This week in math students will be taking a test on Module 2 (on Monday.) On Tuesday, students will be given a pre-assessment of Module 3 (just to see how much they know.) On Wednesday, we will be beginning the new unit which reviews principles of both multiplication and division facts 6, 7, 8 and 9. Students will review the distributive and commutative properties as well as word problems. Our class challenge of learning all of our multiplication facts will end December 20! We are working hard to have everyone working on division before the break!

**Reading:** This week, students will begin Unit 3 Lesson 2. Our book this week is entitled "Tops and Bottoms." It is a fable and has a fabulous central message. The skill for this week is understanding theme as well as character analysis and development. Students will be reading the main fable in class, but also a different fable in small groups and we will compare and contrast themes across texts!

This week, students will be listening to a picture book entitled Chachji's Cup as we begin to review culture in India as well as Bangladesh. If time permits, we will begin a new novel which discusses cultural traditions in Bangladesh that go along with our next novel entitled "The Rickshaw Girl."

**Writing/ Grammar:** This week, we are continuing our new grammar unit reviewing action verbs as well as main verbs and helping verbs. In addition, students will be completing their narrative writing "mini-story" about "their greatest surprise." This particular writing piece focuses on organization and description. Students did a nice job completing their graphic organizers last week and we will begin the writer's workshop process this week! Next week, we will begin our new writing unit which focuses on "opinion writing."

**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 begin capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. Handwriting in our classroom is simply gorgeous!

**Science:** We are back into our life science unit. Students will have a very small science quiz on our last chapter (Tuesday of this week.) Students will also complete their group project where they were asked to create their own animal that could thrive in the jungle and create certain adaptations and characteristics that allow their specific animal to survive. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday we will be discussing seasonal changes and animal changes in Chapter 5!



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## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

I hope you had a fabulous weekend with family and friends. Students will receive their new AR book this week in library for the month of December. In addition, all students should be practicing their multiplication or division facts for at least 5 minutes a night!

As we continue through December, students will be recognizing acts of kindness completed within the classroom. This kindness chain will be linked around the room as a reminder that we are a family and we treat one another with kindness! In addition, the entire third grade is focusing on quality work throughout the month of December. We have discussed that quality means working diligently, accurately and neatly. We do have a surprise visitor coming in on Friday to help us celebrate "Coding Week" and Computer Science within the Elementary Classroom. It is sure to be an exciting day.

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato



## Upcoming Tests

- Math Test - Monday
- Science Quiz-Tuesday
- Spelling and Reading Test-Friday

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

- AR Books for the month of December will be selected. I believe the genre is "biography."
- TAKE 5! All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!