



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students will continue our math unit focusing on multiplication and division with 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! Please encourage your child to practice using their flashcards or math fact "notebook" at least 5 minutes a night! The extra repetition really helps with long-term memory.

Reading: This week, students will begin Unit 3 Lesson 3. Our book this week is entitled "Yonder Mountain." It is a Native American legend and has a fabulous central message. The skill for this week is understanding theme as well as character analysis and development. We will also be doing a bit of a compare and contrast activity. Students will be reading another mini-folktale in small groups on Thursday and Friday of this week to practice skills with partner pairs.

This week, students will be reading a picture book entitled Yasmin's Hammer as we begin to review culture in India as well as Bangladesh. So far, we have learned about transportation and food in India/Bangladesh as we have pretended to be news reporters. This week, we will explore a virtual marketplace as well as become more familiar with a form of transportation known as a Rickshaw in Bangladesh.

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." Our final copy will be completed tomorrow! In addition, we will be moving into our new writing unit which focuses on "Opinion Writing." We will have a debate this week answering this question: "What is more powerful movies or books?" The purpose of this debate is to listen to "the other side" as well as compile a list of reasons that back up our opinion/response.

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 will be discussing animal seasonal changes tomorrow! A review of chapter 5 will occur on Tuesday and a small quiz will take place on Wednesday! On Thursday and Friday we will dive into our new Social Studies Unit Entitled "Immigration (which happens to be my favorite unit of all time.)"



December
11th-
December
15th

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!

We have some exciting news in our 3A class and that is we are gaining a new student starting tomorrow! His name is Juan and we are happy to welcome him into our 3A family. The more students the better! Together, as a class, we will be working on making sure that his new transition is as smooth as possible and that he feels safe, loved and accepted.

With the two weeks leading towards holiday break we continue to work on giving 100% effort every day and completing all of our work with quality! Everyone has really been trying best and that is all I can ask for!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato



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Upcoming Tests

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!