

# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Students will review rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. In addition, students will review the conceptual understanding behind subtracting two-digit and three-digit minuends and solving mixed word problems.

**Reading:** Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. We will complete the third unit this week by reviewing the genre of historical fiction and taking varied assessments related to sequencing and main idea. Students will switch reading groups after this week.

**Writing:** This week, we will continue with our new realistic fiction writing unit. Students will begin to think about developing their problem and analyzing steps towards a realistic yet adventurous solution. In addition, students will review various present tense and past tense verbs as we continue on with our grammar mini-lessons.

**Science:** Currently, we are headed into our second Science Unit entitled "Chemical Tests." Students will be conducting a variety of science experiments to discover the 5 'unknowns.' Students will learn to make predictions based on properties (looks, feels, smells and sounds.)

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

Dear Parents,

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!

We have a variety of exciting events coming up in the month of December. Next week, one of our parents will be coming in to give a presentation on Down Syndrome Awareness. This is bound to be a remarkable event for all students. In addition, the week of December 7th-December 13th marks National Coding Month around the world. As a result, students will be learning a few hands-on innovative techniques related to coding and computer science! We will also have a guest visitor that particular week to help teach a computer-science lesson!

### Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, December 4, 2015.

A Subtraction quiz will take place on Thursday, December 3, 2015.

### Important Notes!

\*There is no school on Monday, November 30th!