THE WEEK OF:

December 7th-December 11th

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Students will complete Module 2 this Monday. A study guide will be sent home on Monday and the test will be held on Tuesday for all three math classes. On Wednesday, we will begin Module 3 related to multiplication, division and the relationship between multiplication and division. In addition, the commutative and distributive properties will be reviewed and applied to complex word problems.

Reading: Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. Students will be switching reading groups on Monday. Thus, they will have a new teacher for Unit 4. Unit 4 focuses on summarizing and synthesizing as well as analyzing story elements. Setting, character, plot and theme will be discussed.

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. By the end of this week, the first draft of our realistic fiction stories will be completed. In addition, we will review present and past tense verbs and introduce the special verb "to be" as well as helping verbs.

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 11th 2015.

A Math Test for all students will take place on Tuesday, December 8th, 2015.

Important Notes!

The " Crazy Days of December" continue on this week! We begin with Pajama Day tomorrow and end with Twin Day by the end of the week. All donations are appreciated!