

# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Currently, most students are practicing their 6 multiplication facts and beyond! We will continue to have multiplication tests Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students are still timed for 2 minutes and expected to solve 48 problems in this amount of time! We will continue through Module 4 this week. A small mid-assessment will be given at the end of class on Monday. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday students will begin tackling more complex area problems as well as solving word problems involving area.

**Reading:** Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. We are currently on our second week of the Unit 6 reading Unit. Students will be finishing up their first book and moving into learning about the persuasive writing genre.

**Writing:** Our first text dependent analysis of *The Tale of Despereaux* was a true success. We will be completing our informational immigration comparative essay on Monday and Tuesday of this week. Wednesday through Friday we will be moving into our unit on persuasive writing. Students will analyze multi-media as well as persuasive text. We will be focusing this week on analyzing as well as discussing persuasion and multiple persuasive techniques.

**Science:** Students just took an assessment on immigration last Friday. This week, we will begin our Rocks and Minerals Unit. The unit will be introduced on Monday and hands-on activities will begin on Tuesday!

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

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is staying warm despite the incredibly cold and snowy weather! 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 did attend the orchestra concert on Thursday and was in awe at what my students have accomplished since the beginning of the year. Truly, they did a wonderful job!

A note will be sent out on Tuesday regarding Valentine's Day boxes/bags. If the students would like, they are welcome to bring in a decorated box or bag to school next week to store their Valentine's Day cards. These bags/boxes can be brought in as early as next Monday, February 8th! More information will be sent out as we get closer to the Valentine's Day festivities.

### Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, February 5, 2016.

A brief math assessment will be given Monday, February 1st.

### Important Notes!

Grades were finalized on Friday and report cards will be sent out soon. The students worked extremely hard this second nine weeks. They should be proud of themselves!