



THE WEEK  
OF  
February  
13th-  
February  
17th

# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Last week we began our fifth module (Fraction Unit.) This week we will be discussing how to represent fractions using fraction strips. We will also explore comparing fractions with different denominators and different numerators.

**Reading:** Students will focus on analyzing theme, character and mood through a fable entitled The King's Equal. We will review all fiction elements through this reading as well as text dependent response questions through writing. We are also beginning "Power Up" reading sessions this coming week. "Power Up" sessions are mini lessons that last about 20-25 minutes designed to review both nonfiction and fiction comprehension skills learned throughout this year. We will continue to focus on Key Ideas and Details of Nonfiction this week. On Wednesday, we will begin Key Ideas and Details of Fiction reviewing (characters, setting, theme and plot.)

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will be continuing our new read-aloud this week entitled "Out of My Mind." The protagonist of this story is an individual with cerebral palsy. However, she has a photographic memory although she has never been able to speak to her family (once.) This novel is excellent for students to practice empathy and understand the point of view of another person going through a hardship.

**Writing:** Students will be completing their very first Opinion Writing Piece this week. In the prompt students were asked: "What is the most important quality of a scholar learner." Afterwards, they had to provide concrete examples for the reader! Students will also be participating in mini-workshops related to deleting redundant information and remaining focused throughout their written paragraph.

**Handwriting:** We will continue learning our Capital Letters in cursive as well as continue to review our lowercase letters.

**Science:** We will be wrapping up our small Science Unit this week on rocks. Students will review vocabulary terms throughout this week with a small vocabulary quiz on Thursday. A study guide will be sent home tomorrow regarding this quiz.

**Grammar:** This week students will be reviewing adjectives as well as moving on to understanding and learning about adverbs in various contexts this week. Students will identify adverbs that explain how something is done as well as adverbs that explain "where" or "when." We will also continue to review other grammar concepts learned previously in addition to "prefix/suffix/root words" within our journals.

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

Dear Parents,

Good Afternoon! I hope everyone is staying warm indoors! Please encourage your child to stay well-rested and wash their hands regularly as we head into peak flu season! We had quite the sickness that ran through our class last week! We are hoping to have a healthier week as a whole!

Please continue to check your student's assignment book to ensure they are completing their math homework. We have begun switching again for math class and so organization is of the most importance!

A very big thank you to all of the volunteers who helped us make our Valentine's Day party a successful one. Students will be taking home their Valentine's Day bags this coming Tuesday!

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato



### Upcoming Tests

Science Quiz: Thursday

Spelling Test: Thursday

### IMPORTANT NOTES!

Students do not have school this Friday.