



### This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** We just began our new Fraction Unit. This week, all students will be reviewing unit fractions, shaded and unshaded parts as well as fractions greater than one (improper fractions) and comparing fractions with like numerators and different denominators.

**Reading:** This week, We will be reading a drama entitled “ Two Bear Cubs.” This particular story is a Native American Folktale. In addition, we will be reading various nonfiction texts, small warm-up pieces and books in our guided reading groups.

\* As a special project I am conducting this month and next month, I am requiring students to take home a book about a well-known or less well-known Civil Rights leader. Most of the selections are picture books for children. However, there are a few more complex, longer selections as well. Each week, students will be required to read the book and write a reflection in their “Civil Rights Reflection Journal.” The reflection journals last night were simply gorgeous. Students picked a new book on Friday, and their journal entry will be due this coming Thursday!

**Writing/ Grammar:** We began In writing, students will begin their Opinion Essays entitled “The Best Part of Me.” We will spend much time talking about focus of our essay and providing excellent examples per each supporting reason. Students will revise their first paragraph and continue on to complete their second and third paragraphs as well as their conclusions. I love this piece particularly because we have really been focusing on positive qualities of ourselves. I think this has been a great exercise for all students. In grammar, we are reviewing pronouns, nouns, adjectives, adverbs an verbs as well as creating our very own book utilizing complex, compound and simple sentences. Sentence variety and structure is something we are working on quite heavily in class.

**Read Aloud:** We just completed our Read-Aloud entitled “The Rickshaw Girl.” Students truly enjoyed this story and it certainly gave us great insight into the Bangladesh Way of Life. Students will be given all of their mini-quizzes and written responses from this unit on Monday! A lot of work was conducted during this unit!

**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 continue capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction.

**Science:** This week, students will be exploring the physics of sound, heat and motion! In the second half of the week we will be completing inquiry activities related to reflection as well as refraction!

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## Third Grade Power Team

### Ms. Amoscato’s News

Dear Families,

Good Afternoon! I hope everyone is enjoying the weekend as well as the Olympics! I know I am! Students created their own Valentine’s Day bags in the classroom on Friday. I had a few students (who wanted to) take them home over the weekend to complete decorating! I figured small bags would be a bit more manageable in our small classroom rather than boxes! We had a great time helping one another and sharing supplies!

Students received a hot pink list of all three classes and the names of students in each class! For our class, if students want to bring in a Valentine, they just have to make sure they brings Valentine’s for every single student in the class! We do not want anyone to be left out! However, if a students has a friend in another class they wish to give a Valentine to, they may do so for just that one student. In other words, they do not need to deliver Valentines for every single person in the other classes! Please let me know via email whether or not you are in need of Valentine’s Day cards! I am running out this weekend to have many extras for students in case they need them! I know this is a busy time of year! :)

We had a really lovely week last week as far as kindness and cooperation. We are certainly growing as a family in this respect, and I love this! We do have a bit of a shortened week this week! We will begin our Valentine’s Day exchanges starting Monday and continuing through Wednesday! Students will be allowed to visit classes in the mornings to pass out their goodies. Also, we please ask that there is no candy involved due to allergies and the no food policy! Thank you so much!

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato

## Upcoming Tests

A Spelling and Vocabulary Test will take place on Thursday

A small science quiz will take place on Tuesday

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

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PLEASE be certain your child is reading their AR book for the month!

TAKE 5! All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!

Spelling Words: mood, wooden, drew, smooth, blue, balloon, true, crooked, chew, tooth, hooves, cool, food, pooch, blew, foot, loose, jewel, baboons and kangaroo