

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week we will be close to ending Module 3 which has focused very specifically on multiplying and dividing units 7, 8, 9 and 10. We will be focusing on division and word problems as well as multiplying multiples of ten. In addition, we will be reviewing various properties such as the distributive and associative properties of multiplication and division to help prepare for our test next week.

Reading: We will be moving into our second week of our reading unit which focuses very specifically on making inferences. Truly, this is one of the hardest units to teach and so far the students are doing a marvelous job. Currently, our reading groups have been reading nonfiction articles related to specific areas of interest (sports, health and science and history and the arts.) This has been quite motivating for the students to be in groups with different peers and to be focusing on a topic that interests them. We have been making inferences based on prior knowledge as well as evidence from the text. A lot of the current events articles we have been reading offer excellent discussion points.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will be beginning 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 continue their very first informational writing piece this week which focuses on the following prompt: The president of the United States asks you to make a speech to the world about a special hero in your life. What individual would be most deserving of this speech and why? We spent last week listening to stories of everyday heroes, as well as brainstorming a list of character traits to categorize heroic qualities. This week, we will begin our journey of writing our first Informational Writing piece.

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

Social Studies: We began our unit on immigration last week which focuses on cultural movement of various groups across the United States, we spent a few days talking about the push and pull factors of immigration, a timeline of the four waves of immigration across the United States and we just recently began talking about the process of immigration through Ellis Island. The students are learning quite a lot about immigration through the 1800 and 1900's. Eventually, we will focus on cultural groups that have moved through Pittsburgh as well and the historical reasons for these changes.

Grammar: This week we will be reviewing nouns, verbs and pronouns through diagramming sentences. Towards the end of the week we will be learning about contractions involving "not" and pronoun/verb contractions.

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had an excellent first week back from the holiday. It is always a bit difficult to transition into the classroom after a long break, but everyone did just fine!

A quick reminder that students should be reading their accelerated reader books. This is the last week for accelerated reader books. In addition, all students should continue to practice their multiplication facts! Recently, many students have been passing their multiplication tests on their first try! In addition, it is making many of our word problems easier in the classroom! Please continue to encourage your student to continue practicing these facts.

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Friday: Spelling Test

Math Quiz: Friday

IMPORTANT NOTES!