

## This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Currently, most students are practicing their 8 multiplication facts and beyond. Our class goal is for everyone to be working on their 9's (at least) before leaving for spring break. A math test on fractions will take place on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday students will dive into a new unit entitled "Data Analysis." Students will be making and analyzing various types of graphs and data.

**Reading:** We have just ended unit 7 of the Benchmark Series. For the next 5 or 6 weeks, students will remain in their homeroom classes for reading. The first half of the class we will focus on reviewing literary skills we have learned from this year in preparation for the upcoming PSSA's. The second half of classroom students will be participating in guided reading/novel circle with one of the boxcar children books. Students will be summarizing this literature, asking questions, defining vocabulary and applying skills learned from previous units. I am SO glad to have my 3A group back together for reading instruction.

**Writing:** We will be completing our second Persuasive Writing Prompt this week. Students were asked to create a Presidential Speech where they not only persuade individuals that they are fit to be president, but they talk about three issues that are important to them. This is a very creative, yet structured writing prompt. Students are working on writing a coherent introduction with a thesis as well as three solid points and reasonable pieces of evidence.

**S.S.:** In Social Studies this week we will be learning about individuals around the world who have changed their community in some way. The following individuals will be discussed: Ruby Bridges, Jesse Owens, Malala, Mahatma Ghandi and President Lincoln.

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

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful weekend. 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!

The next five or six weeks will be incredibly intensive as we are beginning to review for the PSSA's that are approaching in April. That being said, it is important to keep in mind that one standardized test is truly only a small measure of what our students are capable of. We will continue to explore Social Studies, Writing, English Language Arts and grammar in a creative fashion while also reviewing the information that we have learned.

### Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, March 4th, 2016

A Math Test will take place on Tuesday, March 1st, 2016

### IMPORTANT NOTES!

Students will be choosing their final book report of the year for the month of March!