

# This Week in Third Grade...



be fearless in  
the pursuit of  
what sets your  
soul on fire.

**Math:** This week in 3A, we will be continuing our use and application of three digit by one digit long division. In addition, we will be reviewing word problem strategies through our daily "Math Talks" as well as thinking about inverse operations and how this is applied to basic algebraic expressions as well as equations! Students will think about inverse operations through hands on activities as well as stations with partners as we prepare for our upcoming fourth grade math year. The last 20 minutes of class every day will require problem solving skills as well as long division as students think about ordering from various restaurant menus as well as determining how much each individual would pay if the bill was split equally. :) Lots of review concepts throughout the last few weeks of school!

**Reading:** This week, students will be engaging in new vocabulary words, spelling as well as diving into the second half of our novel entitled "Moo." Moo is a unique novel in that it is written in prose. It also has a beautiful message, wonderful characters and relatable life experiences. Students will be engaging in a variety of hands on projects as we embark upon the first chapters of this particular novel reviewing all the concepts we have learned throughout this year. Students have done an exceptional job responding through poetry as well as short answers responses and discussions to this particular novel. So far, we have greatly been enjoying this piece of literature together.

**Grammar:** This week, we will be reviewing comparative adverbs and adjectives as well as really focusing on being able to differentiate between an adverb and an adjective/identifying which one is which. In addition, we will be revising a letter written to the class every day as we focus this week on abbreviations and how these work/are applied to our writing!

**Writing/ Handwriting:** Students will be engaging in various creative cursive activities to keep up the cursive learned throughout his year. This week we will be continuing our poetry unit as we complete our final rhyming pieces and then delve straight into blank verse or free verse poetry. We will be exploring a variety of styles from hip-hop poetry as well as learning a little bit about a different poet every single day including but not limited to: William Carlos Williams, Maya Angelou, Nikki Grimes, Carl Sandburg and much more. We will begin this week by cutting up a poem of Carl Sandburg as we think about how free verse embraces flexibility and space within the writing. On Tuesday, we will complete a pretty close study of two famous pieces by William Carlos William as we officially try our hand at free-verse poetry. On Wednesday, we will think about the sounds of the world as we read a poem entitled "City Sounds." Students will play with words and sounds for two days as they explore sounds around them, meaningful sounds and what those sounds mean to them. Thursday and Friday we will read and analyze a few pieces of "Hip Hop Poetry Speak" and students will try their hand at Hip Hop Poetry before closing with jazz poetry next week.

**Science:** I am proud to say that 100% of our egg carriers dropped without cracking on Wednesday and Friday of last week. I have never seen students have so much fun in my life. This week in Social Studies we will be concluding our final two weeks with thinking Globally about our world through focusing on our duty as citizens as well as problems and potential solutions of global problems in our world today. This week, we will be exploring a variety of resources related to Food Waste. Next week, students will have the opportunity to pick a global issue that they find fascinating, conduct research and write a speech to present to their classmates regarding this issue.



Dear Families,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful weekend! It is a beautiful one in the city of Pittsburgh! I hope you are enjoying smiles and sunshine with those you love! We do have our field trip this Friday to PNC Park. I will remind the students a day before, but please send your child with a packed (disposable) lunch as well as a drink! So far, it looks like the weather is supposed to be clear! Just a reminder that if you have not done so already, please let me know if you will be attending our poetry cafe to take place in the classroom at 2:00 on Tuesday, June 4th! We would love to have you! Thank you again for all of your continued support! Spelling list link is below!

<https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=61679931>

Warmly,

Mrs. Amoscato

## Upcoming Tests

Math Quick Checks will take place throughout the week.

There will be spelling, comprehension and vocabulary tests on Friday of this week!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be journeying to PNC Park on Friday morning to enjoy a beautiful tour and then heading to the park afterwards! Please make sure you child brings a disposable lunch with a disposable drink!