

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 analyzing data (line plots, bar graphs) as well as creating graphs will take place this Friday. I do realize this is a quick turnaround with testing. However, this is a very short unit! All math classes will review on Thursday.

Reading: For the next few 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.

In language this week we are focusing closely on identifying and using suffixes and prefixes as well as identifying the "root word" when used in context. We are continuing to review our cursive handwriting. Currently we are focusing on both upper and lowercase letters.

Writing: We will be reviewing the types of writing we have learned this year starting this week! This week we will focus closely on narrative writing and structure (fiction) and (nonfiction.)

S.S.: In Social Studies, we will continue with chapter 8 in our book which focuses closely on the economy, supply and demand. We have many exciting activities that I think the students will truly enjoy.

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 achieving. We will continue to explore Social Studies, Writing, English Language Arts and grammar in a a creative fashion while also reviewing the information that we have learned.

Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, March 11th, 2016

A Math Test will take place on Friday, March 11th 2016

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Students should be reading their books report books every night!

Spelling words for this week:

instructor, editor, director, speaker, designer, listener, adviser, beggar, reporter, employer, visitor, creator, author, governor and hiker.