

This Week in Third Grade...



Math: The Math PSSA's are officially over! Students will be resuming geometry as well as area and perimeter this week before our final test on Friday. Students will be participating in a variety of hands-on problem-solving activities related to both geometry as well as solving for area and perimeter. We continue to work on geometric figures and their attributes.

Reading: This week, we will continue our Fable Unit. Students will focus on analyzing theme/mood/characters and word choice in a variety of Aesop's Fables. In addition, we will conclude our short novel entitled Fantastic Mr. Fox. Next week, students will officially began their final novel study of this year. The theme is related to cultural diversity.

We will continue reading Maniac Magee this week as our read-aloud after lunch. This is one of my favorite pieces of literature (of all time.) Students are greatly enjoying analyzing the characters and mini-stories as we move along. This is a great way for us to review comprehension skills learned previously through journal entries and discussion.

Writing: Our next writing unit (though small) has the students create and write their own fable after analyzing a variety of Aesop's Fables within the reading classroom. We will begin writing our very own Fable this week. Students will be choosing appropriate characters as well as a moral or a theme to center their Fable around. This is probably my favorite creative writing piece we do this year!

Handwriting: We will continue learning our Capital Letters in cursive as well as continue to review our lowercase letters. Students are truly doing a fantastic job learning their cursive letters. In addition, we will be continuing a review of all grammar skills learned throughout the year with specific attention on correcting errors within a message/applying grammar concepts to small "silly paragraphs" and sentences. As we make our way through the end of the year, students will also be learning Latin and Greek prefixes and suffixes to aid in vocabulary acquisition.

Science: This week in Science we will continue our Plant Growth Unit. Last week, we planted our Wisconsin fast plants. This week, we will begin measuring our plants and organizing data. In addition, students will be looking at the parts of the plant as well as participating in the pollination process. Last week, as part of Earth Day, the students learned a lot about food waste across the United States. We will officially conclude this "mini-lesson" series tomorrow.

Third Grade Power Team

Dear Parents,

Good Afternoon! I hope you have been enjoying the absolutely gorgeous weather outside. This is the first week in a long time where we do not have PSSA testing! Truly, the students gave it their all the past few weeks of testing. However, now we are back to our regular schedule! To me, this is quite exciting. We look forward to many fun days ahead as the weather becomes warmer and we feel closer to summer! We had our last TAG presentation on Friday- a big thank you to Mrs. Bradley. In the coming weeks we will be enjoying our two final field trips of the year. Reminders will be sent as the time gets closer! Thank you again for all of your support throughout this year.

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato



IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling words (hard copy) will be distributed tomorrow morning.

After this week, students will be switching back to their regular homeroom classes for math. This will remain until the end of the school year! :)

Upcoming Tests

Spelling Test: Friday

Math Test End of Module 7:
Friday