



March  
12th-16th



### This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** This week in math, students will finish their fraction test on Monday. In addition, we will be taking a small pretest on data and graphing to get ready to switch for our next math unit. This week, our data analysis and probability unit will focus on generating pictographs as well as creating scaled bar graphs. In addition, we will introduce measurement as well.

**Reading:** Last week, students did an awesome job learning about point of view and author’s purpose! We completed many creative activities taking another person’s perspective such as a dog or a cat. In addition, we completed many “power-up” activities thinking about and reading various types of literature. Our genre for this week is historical fiction. Interestingly, it is an excerpt from a well known novel entitled “Sarah Plain and Tall.” We will continue to complete small power sessions reviewing both fiction and nonfiction elements, point of view author’s purpose etc. This week, we will continue focusing on author’s craft related to historical fiction.

**Writing/ Grammar:** Students are currently working on illustrating their pieces “If you give \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_.” Truly, students did a lovely job learning how to construct a variety of compound, simple and complex sentences while creating a unique, creative writing experience for their reader. Students will eventually take home their final copy to share with you! The stories are magnificent. We are working on sending a letter to the original author as well as our stories to share with her.

**Read Aloud:** We are just now going to be beginning our very first “independent novel study” where students will work on discussing the characters, theme and overall plot development of a book entitled “Extra Credit” written by Andrew Clements. We have had multiple discussions and a few comprehension quizzes as well as partner activities involving this book. Students are really loving this novel and it certainly shows! This week, students will be assigned a penpal from Mrs. Amoscato’s classroom (my mom) as the two characters in this book begin writing back and forth, they will be able to do so as well!

**Handwriting:** We will be reviewing our lowercase letters this week through the connecting of two or three letters to make words. In addition, we will continue capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. We just had our very first spelling test in cursive. Students did a really lovely job (even though it was tough!)

**Social Studies:** We began our social studies unit last week focusing on diversity and how certain members of the community have changed the world. We are learning about three other important human beings this week focusing on different cultures, diversity and changing of the community. Students worked quite well together on their google slides! They did a fabulous job writing together and adding design elements to their slides!

## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato’s News

Dear Families,

Good Afternoon! We ended our Civil Rights Book series (which was excellent!) I believe we will probably start up with another theme in April! Until then, we are taking a small break from our journals (although the students did such a fabulous job!)

I found a little quote about perseverance that I wanted to share

“Those who succeed usually have one big thing in common:  
they never give up.  
No matter how long it takes,  
no matter how many obstacles in their way,  
they fight on until they prevail.  
Above so many things  
perseverance is vital to success.

We do have spelling words for this week. In addition we will have our regular vocabulary words for this week! Students will receive these words (hole-punched) as well as their vocabulary words tomorrow in the morning on their desks! We will continue reviewing those third grade high frequency words throughout the year! Some of them are a review of words we have learned throughout this year!

Our focus for last week was having a growth-mindset and a positive attitude. As a class, we did much better with this! In addition, we really focused on kindness and positive towards others in the classroom! We certainly are growing together~

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato

### Upcoming Tests

Spelling Test, Vocabulary Test and Reading Test to take place on Friday!

Math quick check on Thursday

**IMPORTANT NOTES!**

**PLEASE** be certain your child is reading their AR book for the month!

**TAKE 5!** All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!