

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week in math, students will be focusing on word problems in their home-base classes. In addition, we will be reviewing double digit multiplication in the context of word problems as well as long division and the concept behind long division. Students will be working in partner pairs and small groups to prepare for our end of year math project which involves all of the concepts learned throughout the year. In addition, students have been completing logic warmups/brain teasers in small groups as challenges! This has been a great way to really think about math in a different way than they are used to!



Reading: This week, students will be reviewing vocabulary words throughout the year as well as focusing on learning new latin and greek words to aiding in helping with vocabulary. We are currently embarking on a small fable unit. While some students are reading "The King's Equal," an inquisitive and magical masterpiece, others are reading "Fantastic Mr. Fox" by Roald Dahl. We will be completing small fable mini lessons focusing on close reading and analyzing as well as diving into our novels with great enthusiasm!

Writing/ Grammar: We will continue our next writing unit which focuses on writing Poetry. Students usually have a fabulous time listening, reading and creating their own poems based off of various prompts, subjects and themes! This week, we will be analyzing a variety of pieces that have a rhyming pattern! Grammar will focus on a review of types of nouns, adjectives and verbs. Various types of activities will be conducted throughout the week focusing on applying grammar through writing.

Read Aloud: We will be concluding this year with various small works. Tomorrow, we will be starting a fantasy book entitled "The Great Kettles." It is an intriguing book with an interesting plot twist.

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. Our pieces these days are now written completely in cursive (which is quite excellent!)

Science: This week students will be reviewing their understanding of motion, mass, weight and gravity and how this effects trajectory and speed of an object. A small lab will be conducted tomorrow regarding how different sized balls with different masses drop at the same/different times. Starting on Wednesday, students will be in groups to think about how to craft and design egg drop carriers so that the eggs do not crack. Students will go through the cycle of engineering to plan and them implement their projects.



Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

Hello! I heard a lot about everyone's fantastic weekends this morning at Morning Meeting! We have an exciting/action-packed week planned. We do have a field trip planned on Friday! Please be sure your student brings a disposable brown bag lunch! Also, I do apologize, but I did not pass out the spelling words until this evening. The following words are the spelling words for this week: painless, sickness, sadness, helpless,thankless, kindness, hopeless, darkness, fearless, thickness, careless, goodness, spotless, softness, useful, weakly, breathless, eagerness.

Also, I found a quote this weekend that I thought was quite fitting for the end of the year:

" Do not ask your children to strive for extraordinary lives. Such striving may seem admirable, but it is the way of foolishness. Help them instead to find the wonder and the marvel of an ordinary life. Show them the joy of tasting tomatoes, apples and pears. Show them how to cry when pets and people die. Show them the infinite pleasure in the touch of a hand. And make the ordinary come alive for them. The extraordinary will take care of itself. "

Upcoming Tests

SPELLING and READING test will be given on Friday this week.

A grammar quiz will take place on Friday

A Math quiz will take place periodically throughout the week as a quick check!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * Math and Reading Homework will be given the next few weeks! Please be sure your student is doing their homework!
- * Please continue to study math facts at home!