

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week we will continue our morning warm-ups (reviewing skills learned previously throughout this year.) In addition, students will be reviewing long multiplication and division as well as multiplying and dividing money amounts that involve decimals. Much of what we are exploring this week is learning how to read and tackle multi-step word problems that involve four operations to prepare for the beginning of the fourth grade year. Towards the end of the week, we will be diving into the first module of Grade 4 Engage New York. The hope is to give the students the tools they need to prepare them for a successful fourth grade math year!

Reading: After extensive modeling last week, students are participating in their last novel study involving an extensive study of "the classics." Students will be reading classic novels while participating in extensive novel literature groups in addition to reading with me. The purpose of the literature groups is to transfer the power over to the students so that they begin to ask themselves questions, identify the central message of the story and think about the complex plot and setting within each chapter. Students will be rotating through a series of jobs that reviews various comprehension skills as they go through each discussion group session for various chapters. In addition to their guided reading novel, students will be participating in literature review centers reviewing nonfiction text, analyzing poetry, looking up words in the dictionary and participating in an independent picture book analysis.

Writing: Students will begin their second full week of writing poetry. This week we will conclude our "sound poetry" pieces towards the beginning of the week. Towards the end of the week we will begin to explore free verse poetry and music as well as rhyming patterns within various poems.

Social Studies: In Social Studies we are learning about the job of the mayor and we will be diving into information about city hall as well as the government as the local, state and federal levels. We will begin this week with a class simulation of what it would be like to partake in a "city hall" meeting centered around a particular issue.

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

We have a very busy week planned! Wednesday is a half day of school and dismissal will be at 11:30. On Friday, students will be partaking in the festivities of field day! This is sure to be a lot of fun. Please make sure your child is wearing sunscreen and dressed appropriately. It is supposed to be incredibly hot on Friday.

I would like to say that I have been completely in awe of my students and their complete involvement in our recent poetry unit. The results have been magnificent. Their poetry is simply beautiful. I will be sending copies home with them soon, so that they can be saved for years to come.

Lastly, please make sure you are continuing to practice multiplication and division facts at home. As I told my students last week, long multiplication and division become increasingly difficult if one does not know their facts! Students should be practicing and reviewing at least 10 minutes per night to keep their known facts fresh in their minds!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Math Quiz (Long Multiplication and Long Division) on Tuesday

Spelling Test Friday

IMPORTANT NOTES!

A half day will take place this Wednesday

Field Day will take place this Friday!