

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This will be our last week of reviewing concepts previously learned in second grade! We will continue to review two and three digit addition and subtraction and place value concepts. This week, we will be focusing on counting money, making change and telling time. In addition, students are greatly encouraged to practice their addition and subtraction math facts at home! The quicker we know our math facts, the easier math will become!

Reading: This week, time will be spent on understanding reader's workshop (mini-lesson, guided reading and center rotations.) We will discuss the important elements of fiction (plot, character traits and setting) and will look at elements of nonfiction (tables, graphs, headings) during our mini lessons. Last week, we started the novel entitled 26 Fairmount Avenue. Students will be reading this with me during our guided reading group at the back table. We are working on our reading fluency, expression an comprehension skills.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will continue our read-aloud entitled Fish in a Tree. Students will continue to respond to writing prompts in their journals. Last week we focused extensively on character analysis and figurative language. Students will also begin to learn vocabulary words that are used throughout the book!

Writing: We will be beginning our Writer's Workshop Unit this week with a short stanza to Maya Angelou's poem entitled "The Human Family." In addition, students will begin a short writing prompt known as "The Best Part of Me." These short writing activities will act as small writing exercises before we begin our first Narrative/Memoir Writing Unit next week.

Science: Our Environmental Science Unit will begin this week. Students will explore various types of ecosystems, the dangers that occur within ecosystems as well as how energy is passed through various ecosystems. this week, our class will be focusing extensively on the African Savannah and "The Elephant Problem" to learn about how humans interact with various ecosystems and how endangerment and extinction can come about.

Grammar: Students will focus on differentiating between sentences and fragments. In addition, types of sentences will be introduced (command, question, exclamation and declaration.)

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is having a relaxing Labor Day weekend. We had an excellent first week of school together. I can already tell it is going to be a great year! Thank you for sending in cereal boxes and tissues. I truly appreciate it!

Just a reminder that agenda books should be signed every night! In addition, Habit of Mind reflection papers were sent home this Friday. These also need to be signed and returned by Monday of the following week. The purpose of the Habit of Mind sheet is simply a way in which students can reflect on their learning at the end of each day. On Friday, I will write a small message regarding the student's behavior and things that we are working on for the following week!

Thank you for your help and support! Once again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or call me!

Warmly,

Upcoming Tests

There are no upcoming tests for this week. Spelling will begin the following week!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

If you have not already, please try to send in your medical forms, bus pamphlets and pick-up forms as soon as possible!