



THE WEEK OF:
November
16th-20th

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Students will continue reviewing the measurement unit. In addition, we will begin rounding to the nearest ten and hundred with two, three and four-digit numbers. Students will also review the standard algorithm for addition. Complex addition problems will be practiced towards the end of the week!

Reading: Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. We will begin the week by introducing the genre of historical fiction. Students will continue to practice critical-thinking and higher-level comprehension questions through a close-analysis of a variety of texts.

Writing: On Monday, students will analyze their final narrative cold-prompt given early last week. The purpose of this lesson will be for students to not only practice revising their work but also to begin reflecting and thinking about whether their writing would be considered a 1, 2, 3, or 4 on the PA Writing Rubric. On Tuesday, we will begin our new Realistic Fiction Writing Unit. A variety of complex picture books will be utilized throughout the week to introduce the elements of Realistic Fiction. We will also hold a Socratic Seminar to discuss conflict and characterization within each written work. Students will brainstorm and choose a topic by the end of the week.

Science: Currently, we are headed into our second Science Unit entitled "Chemical Tests." Students will be conducting a variety of science experiments to discover the 5 'unknowns.' Students will learn to make predictions based on properties (looks, feels, smells and sounds.)

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that you should be checking your child's homework every night. Homework logs should be signed daily by a parent (including Fridays!) Students should be practicing their multiplication facts every night! Once they pass their multiplication timed test (2 minutes) they will move on to the next set of multiplication facts. At least 10 minutes should be devoted to facts each night! In addition, students should be practicing their spelling words every night! Studying small chunks every night will make the studying more manageable!

This past week, everyone in the class remembered to bring in their homework! This is fabulous. I have reminded every student that it is his or her responsibility to write all assignments and tests in their notebook at the end of the day!

Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, November 20, 2015.

A Rounding Quiz will take place on Wednesday, November 18, 2015.

Important Notes!

- * Please make sure your child is taking home their spelling words every night!
- * Students will see the DMS musical entitled Cinderella at 9:30 on Wednesday.
- * Students will enjoy a concert by the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra on Friday, November 20th! Students should be dressed nicely for this event.