



This Week in Third Grade...

THE WEEK
OF
April
17th-21st

Math: The week after Spring Break we will be reviewing all Math Concepts throughout the year! Monday (review of elapsed time, money, rounding, addition and subtraction) Tuesday (All Fractions) Wednesday (Geometry and Measurement) Thursday (Data Analysis and Estimation) Friday (Mini-courses focusing on student areas of weakness and strengths). In addition, we will hold mini-math afternoon sessions focusing specifically on multiplication and division. We will play some interactive games in the process of reviewing!

Reading: This week, we will actually begin our Fable Unit. Students will focus on analyzing theme/mood/characters and word choice in a variety of Aesop's Fables. In addition, we will begin reading a fable together entitled "Fantastic Mr. Fox." This Unit of reading will focus on small text dependent analysis questions as well as a lot of group work and discussion to prepare ourselves for fourth grade!

We will continue reading Maniac Magee this week as our read-aloud after lunch. This is one of my favorite pieces of literature (of all time.) Students are greatly enjoying analyzing the characters and mini-stories as we move along. This is a great way for us to review comprehension skills learned previously through journal entries and discussion.

Writing: Our next writing unit (though small) has the students create and write their own fable after analyzing a variety of Aesop's Fables within the reading classroom. This week, writing will mostly be centered around math. We will work in partners and small groups to answer math questions and then come together to figure out how we would explain our answer using words, sentences and proper punctuation.

Handwriting: We will continue learning our Capital Letters in cursive as well as continue to review our lowercase letters. Students are truly doing a fantastic job learning their cursive letters. In addition, we will be continuing a review of all grammar skills learned throughout the year with specific attention on correcting errors within a message/applying grammar concepts to small "silly paragraphs" and sentences. As we make our way through the end of the year, students will also be learning Latin and Greek prefixes and suffixes to aid in vocabulary acquisition.

Science: This week in Science we will begin our Plant Growth Unit. This is my favorite interactive Science Unit of all time. Students learn many concepts related to plant growth and at the same time gain hands on experience measuring and hypothesizing about their Wisconsin Fast Plant.

Third Grade Power

Dear Parents,

Good Afternoon! Truly, the students worked incredibly hard the week before Spring Break. As I told them, I have never seen a group of students work as diligently and as carefully as this 3A group. I hope you have a peaceful, fun and adventurous Spring Break with family and friends. We will all be ready and refreshed to carry out the remainder of the school year when we get back!

Enjoy the beautiful weather wherever you may be!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato



Upcoming Tests

Spelling Test: Friday

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Please encourage your student to continue to practice their multiplication facts as well as their spelling words throughout the week!

Spelling words will be given to students on Monday!