



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: The Math PSSA's will begin on Monday for our students and conclude on Wednesday. Students will be returning to the math class they were in prior to the Mathematics Review session to finish up the geometry, area and perimeter unit. After we test on our final unit (Unit 7) students will return back to their homeroom classes for the remainder of math instruction this year!

Reading: This week, we will continue 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. We will begin writing our very own Fable this week. Students will be choosing appropriate characters as well as a moral or a theme to center their Fable around. This is probably my favorite creative writing piece we do this year!

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 continue our Plant Growth Unit. Last week, we planted our Wisconsin fast plants. This week, we will begin measuring our plants and organizing data. In addition, students will be partaking in a small science mini-unit related to earth day and food waste. Tomorrow we will be discussing food waste as a current environmental issue that has been getting much recent attention in the city of Pittsburgh. Talks about the environment will continue in a series of mini lessons throughout the week.

Third Grade Power

Dear Parents,

Good Afternoon! I hope you have been enjoying the absolutely gorgeous weather outside. Just a reminder that we will have PSSA testing the first three days of this week. Wednesday will officially be the last day of PSSA testing for our third grade students. Although the morning will look slightly different the first three mornings, the afternoon will remain the same! I'm quite excited to take down all of the construction paper we currently have hanging on the walls, so that the classroom looks cheerful again. Students are allowed to bring in a small snack as well as a pillow if they would like. Please let me know if you have any further questions!

I was just talking to my mother this weekend (a 1st grade teacher) about how incredibly fast this year has gone. I'm hoping time slows down this next month as we prepare this transition from third to fourth grade! I have greatly enjoyed watching your students grow throughout this year. When I step back to think how much we have accomplished as both students and people, I am in awe.

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato



Upcoming Tests

Spelling Test: Friday

IMPORTANT NOTES!

April 28th at 2:00 we will have our final TAG presentation!

Spelling words will be given to students on Monday!