

## This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** This week in math, students will be learning how to find missing sides when given area or perimeter of a particular shape. In addition, students will be solving real life problems related to area and perimeter. Finally, students will be reviewing attributes of shapes and categories of shapes.



**Reading:** This week, students will be reading a novel entitled "Oliver Twist." This is a fabulous novel with a couple plot and some excellent themes that we will be discussing along the way. Students will not only be analyzing this novel, but they will also be learning about the time period in which this story took place as well as information about Charles Dickens himself.

**Writing/ Grammar:** Students will be concluding their "Hero Informational Piece" at the end of this week. We explored character traits last week. This week, we will focus on how to write a thesis, include a hook and how to go about writing a piece that captivates the reader using adjectives, transition words and robust vocabulary words.

**Read Aloud:** We will be concluding our novel study this week entitled "Extra Credit." Students will be reading with a partner and on their own the last few chapters. We will be discussing real-world issues as related to the book and conclude thinking about the lessons our main character learned throughout her journey. Our own pen pals have written back and thus part of this authentic experience is learning what it means to communicate with someone who is not necessarily the same as you. We will be continuing our pen pal project a few more times before the conclusion of this year.

**Handwriting:** We will be reviewing our lowercase letters this week through the connecting of two or three letters to make words. In addition, we will continue capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. We just had our very first spelling test in cursive. Students did a really lovely job (even though it was tough!)

**Social Studies:** This week, we will be discussing the remainder of our Global Trade Unit, imports and exports of various countries as well as the purpose of Fair Trade and why this is important in our economy today.

## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

Good Evening! I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend! It seems to be getting a bit warmer (with a little more sun) which has been quite refreshing! We had a lovely week as a full group last week. Students worked so very hard the entire week. I am excited to say that we have concluded the first bit of testing. This second week seems to go by with a bit more ease. Soon, we will be back to our normal schedule!

Students did receive spelling words for this week. These words are the review high frequency words that students are supposed to master before leaving the third grade! We will be practicing them throughout the week.

If your child wishes to bring a drink and a snack they are welcome to do so on Tuesday and Wednesday. Monday, Thursday and Friday we will be operating on a regular schedule!

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato

## Upcoming Tests

THE PSSA TEST will take place  
Tuesday and Wed. of this week!

SPELLING WILL TAKE PLACE ON  
FRIDAY!

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

Please be sure to sign up at the following link for your Spring Conference! I am certainly able to meet with you at any time of day that is convenient outside the ones listed! Also, if you prefer to talk via the phone, we can do this as well! I'm quite flexible, but I do find it important to meet with everyone in some way!

TAKE 5! All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!