

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week in math, students will be focusing on word problems in their home-base classes. We will also be learning how to complete the double digit by single digit and double digit by double digit multiplication algorithm as well as applying this to problem solving within the classroom. On Thursday and Friday of this week, students will begin to learn the long division algorithm and apply this to solving word problems as well! We will also be dabbling in a bit of logic problem solving as warmups to our math period!



Reading: This week, students will be completing mini-exercises dealing with writing about a particular poem and thinking about the author's point of view. Our Main Selection this week is entitled "Sea Dog." This is a realistic fiction piece where we will be focusing on all the components of fiction as well as focusing specifically on author's purpose or why an author makes certain choices within a selection. In addition, Guided reading groups on Thursday and Friday will be focusing on reading a short novel/fable.

Writing/ Grammar: We will continue our next writing unit which focuses on writing Poetry. Students usually have a fabulous time listening, reading and creating their own poems based off of various prompts, subjects and themes! Grammar will focus on a review of types of verbs (past, present future) as well as how to form irregular past tense and present tense verbs. A small assessment will be given at the end of this week.

Read Aloud: We will be concluding this year with a free verse novel entitled "Little Dog Lost." This is a fabulous free-verse poetry novel where multiple stories weave together to create one story that connects at the end. This is a perfect novel regarding friendship, love, acceptance, change and beginning again.

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. Our pieces these days are now written completely in cursive (which is quite excellent!)

Science: This week in science we will end our rock unit on Monday. Afterwards, we will be reviewing physical science, motion to prepare for our "Investigative Engineering by Design." This unit is incredibly hands-on and allows for many inquiry-based projects. At the end of the week students will be designing an egg drop project while thinking about the Physical Science properties learned throughout the week. :)



Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

Hello! For those of you who ran the Marathon or Half Marathon this weekend, congratulations! It was beautiful and vibrant weekend in the city of Pittsburgh! We had a really lovely week last week in regards to thinking creatively and learning content in every subject.

Students did receive spelling words for this coming week on Friday. Students will receive their vocabulary words for the text this week as well. We now are officially taking our spelling tests in cursive! All of us are doing a fantastic job with our cursive.

As we continue on through the final months of this year, we are continuing to work on being respectful to others (thinking of others first before ourselves) and being kind! We have built a truly wonderful classroom community. As a group, we continue to work on spreading kindness wherever we go.

Also, a very Happy Mother's Day (a bit early) to all the wonderful mothers out there!)

Upcoming Tests

SPELLING, READING AND VOCABULARY TEST will take place this FRIDAY.

A grammar quiz will take place on Friday

A Math quiz will take place on Wednesday!

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

* Math and Reading Homework will be given the next few weeks! Please be sure your student is doing their homework!