

This Week in Third Grade...



Math: Students did a really nice job reviewing money, learning how to make change and learning to interpret word problems! This week, we will be heading into the metric system. Students will be balancing kilograms and grams, estimating and solving word problems related to measurement. Later on this week, we will learn about milliliters and liters, balance equations and learn to solve problems.

Reading: This week, we will be completing our third lesson in the Unit 2 Reading series. We will be focusing on characters, plot and theme. Students will engage with an assortment of PIXAR animation clips to discover theme as well as folktales to compare and contrast themes from different works. The main text of the week is entitled "Harvest Birds."

We are beginning a classic novel entitled "The Hundred Dresses." This Novel will be taught during the afternoons and focuses on Diversity/Appreciating what you have! This week, we will focus on journaling chapters 5 and 6. Students will work on theme, character, setting and character motivations behind actions. Full group, independent and partner work activities will ensue.

Writing: We will be completing our final draft on our "Creative Halloween Writing Narrative Stories" tomorrow. Students will focus on varying sentence beginnings and adding description to their plot to heighten the suspense. We will be concluding our narrative writing unit with a final piece entitled "My Scariest Moment." This will be a shorter piece with a clear lead, beginning, middle and end.

Grammar: This week, we will be concluding and reviewing (abstract, concrete, singular and plural, common and proper, possessive) nouns as well as simple and compound sentences and types of sentences. Students will be identifying nouns through literature. In addition, we will be focusing on creating a "FALL STEW" activity understanding the difference between literal and nonliteral language and nouns.

Handwriting: We will be focusing on reviewing letters t, s, i, u, l, f, r, c, e, n, m, and focusing on k, p, a and q. All letters will be reviewed this week.

Social Studies: We are finally heading into our first social studies unit which focuses on understanding geography (continents and oceans) as well as understanding where we live in relationship to the world. We will be discussing William Penn and the birth of Pennsylvania as well as Pennsylvania symbols towards the end of this week.

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Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful Fall weekend despite the gloomy weather! We have a bit of a strange schedule this week as Friday is an early dismissal day at school. In addition, we will have our first T.A.G. (Traveling Art Gallery) presentation on Wednesday this week.

This is just a reminder that students do need to be reading their Accelerated Reader book which is due by October 31st! Students will read the book and then take an AR test related to the book to test for comprehension. At the beginning of the year, we require just one novel to be read per month! This is a great way for students to practice their fluency at home! Students are certainly welcome to read more than one AR book a month if they so desire! The more reading the better!

In addition, I have been reminding students to bring home their math fact level books to practice at home! Students are welcome to use the online games on my website or study with multiplication flashcards as well! Any practice is good practice!

Our Theme for this upcoming month is kindness. We are focusing on not thinking about ourselves but complimenting others, being friendly to all of our peers and learning to carry out acts of kindness.

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Vocabulary Test, Reading Test
& Spelling Test: Friday

Grammar Noun Review Quiz
and types of sentences
(Thursday)

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling Words: itch, wreck, knee, patch, wrap, knot, watch, knife, stretch, write, knew, knock, match, wrong, know, catch, wrinkle knuckle

Vocabulary words: desperate, outcast, advice, wise, solemn, harvest, persistent, compassionate, borders and patch.