



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students did a really lovely job with their Module 3 Test on Friday! On Monday students will take a pre-assessment for the next Module. In addition, we will be reviewing concepts learned throughout the year/problem solving. On Tuesday, we will begin our “area” unit focusing on simply counting squares of various shapes. Eventually we will head into finding the missing area and sides of rectangles as well as irregular rectangles. Students will be switching math classes this coming week.

Reading: This week, students will be reading the story entitled “Just Moody Saves the World.” This is an excerpt that is part of the larger Judy Moody Novel. In addition, we will be reading a paired selection entitled “The Raft” which happens to have a similar environmental theme to the book we are reading. Students will practice close-reading a nonfiction current-events selection as well!

* As a special project I am conducting this month and next month, I am requiring students to take home a book about a well-known or less well-known Civil Rights leader. Most of the selections are picture books for children. However, there are a few more complex, longer selections as well. Each week, students will be required to read the book and write a reflection in their “Civil Rights Reflection Journal.” They will be due every Friday. After, students will place their books on the carpet and we will have a “book exchange!” Students will then select a new book to read.

Writing/ Grammar: We will have a short quiz on Monday to review verb concepts we learned throughout our verb unit. Students received a study guide last week and did quite a nice job with it! This week, we will be focusing on adverbs and the difference between adverbs/adjectives. In writing, students will spend one more day revising their Narrative Writing Pieces containing a special story from their holiday break! We will begin a new Opinion Writing Piece entitled “The Best Part of Me.” Part of this unit will focus on not only choosing a topic, but listening and reading poetry pieces written by other third and fourth graders across the world. I’m greatly looking forward to this project!

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 begin capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. Handwriting in our classroom is simply gorgeous!

Science: We will continue with our physical science unit. We will wrap up our “Matter Changes” concepts on Monday and Tuesday of this week. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, students will be conducting a new inquiry project dealing with friction and conductivity!

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Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato’s News

Dear Families,
Good Evening! It appears as though the weather is becoming a bit warmer! We are hoping for a “normal” start to this week so we can get back into our routine! We are now officially in the third quarter! It is hard to believe that this year is going by so fast.

We will have a normal week regarding our reading schedule as well as spelling! The spelling words are listed below and students will receive both their vocabulary lists and spelling lists on Monday!

As always, thank you for all of your support!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

A Reading, Vocabulary and Spelling Test will take place on Friday
A grammar verb quiz will take place on Monday!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

PLEASE be certain your child has finished their AR book for this month!
TAKE 5! All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!