

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** This week in math we will be continuing to discuss how to tackle word problems using the READ, WRITE and DRAW method. However, we will also be focusing on rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 with a rounding (small quiz) to take place on Friday. We will continue to work on our math facts every day as a class! Flashcards were sent home last week (both online) as well as (in paper form.) Please be sure your child is practicing his or her facts daily (for at least 5 minutes!) Our Math multiplication goal is to have everyone pass their multiplication by December 15, 2017.

**Reading:** This week, we will be completing our fifth lesson in the Unit 2 Reading series. We will be focusing on main idea and details using a biography for our main text! Main idea is probably one of the most difficult skills to master. Thus, we will be spending a lot of time on this particular skill this week! In addition, students will be reading a second picture book in small groups that goes along with our "invention" theme for this week. There are a lot of truly fabulous inventions being made by the young people of today!

We will be close to completing our very first class 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 be officially closing our discussion of the Hundred Dresses with a culminating activity to take place on Friday. The students did a truly phenomenal job involving themselves in the discussion of this book! We have a few more fabulous novels related to diversity that we will be tackling as a class in the coming weeks!

**Writing/ Grammar:** We will be focusing (for the last time) on types of adjectives (how and why) as well as comparative and superlative adjectives. In addition, students will continue to review selecting the noun in which the adjective is modifying!

**Handwriting:** We will be reviewing our lowercase letters this week through the connecting of two or three letters to make words. Handwriting in our classroom is simply gorgeous!

**Social Studies/Writing:** We are continuing 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. A small geography quiz will take place on Wednesday of this week! A study guide will be sent home on Monday so that students can study what it is that will be tested. We are starting our first informational project of this year related to State and State Destinations. Students will be provided a list of states and destination to choose from and research. We will focus on how to research, how to take notes and how to write this information down in our own words. Students will be using and navigating various website as well as books to find their information.

November  
13th- 17th

## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

I hope everyone is having a wonderful weekend and staying warm! I enjoyed meeting and talking to all families during our conferences! Thank you so much!

This is just a reminder that students do need to be reading their Second Accelerated Reader book which is due by the end of November. 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 Quiz: Friday

Social Studies Test:  
Wednesday

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling Words: chalk, also, raw, salt, wall, lawn, always, often, strawberry, soft, small, talk, cross, awful, law, cloth, cost, crawl

Vocabulary words: solitude, laboratory, gadget, occasional, signal, hamper, established, amplified and invention.