

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** Last week we talked very specifically about pounds and ounces/kilograms and grams (measurements of weight.) This week, we will continue our talk regarding milliliters and liters. Students will be engaging in estimation and word problems of all four measurements. In addition, towards the end of the week, students will begin a review of rounding to the nearest 10 and 100.

**Reading:** This week, we will be completing our fourth lesson in the Unit 2 Reading series. We will be focusing on characters, plot and theme. However, we will also be focusing very specifically on cause and effect through our main piece of literature as well as small -group articles and literature. The main text focuses closely on Japanese Culture and art.

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 focus on journaling chapters 6 and 7. Students will work on theme, character, setting and character motivations behind actions. Full group, independent and partner work activities will ensue.

**Writing/ Grammar:** We will continue to share out our "Spooky Stories." During shared writing. However, writing this week will be combined with our grammar unit as we move from nouns and types of sentences into adjectives and classification of adjectives. Students will be engaging in an adjective poem requiring the use of a thesaurus to look up as many high-powered adjectives as possible related to a topic of choice. In addition, levels of literature will be utilized in small group activities to ensure students can successfully identify adjectives and the nouns they are describing.

**Handwriting:** We will be completing reviewing all the letters of the alphabet this week as well as working on connecting some of our letters together to form small words!

**Social Studies/Writing:** 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. A small geography quiz will take place on Thursday 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  
6th-10th

## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

I hope you have had a wonderful Fall! We have quite a lot going on this week! Parent Conferences will take place on Monday and Tuesday of this week! I look forward to seeing all of you! If something does come up in your schedule, please let me know, and I would be more than happy to meet you at another time! Due to Parent Conferences, we have a half day on Monday as well as no school on Tuesday! In addition, our annual Veteran's Day Assembly will take place this Friday!

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: Wednesday

Social Studies Test: Thursday

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling Words: clow, round, bow, cloud, power, crown, thousand, crowd  
sound, count, powder, blouse, frown, pound, house, found, mountain, coward

Vocabulary words: familiar, vacant, rickety, swarming, startled, defeated, struggled,  
jerky, prop