

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Last week we switched for math for the first time and it went quite smoothly! We are continuing measurement this week. Most classes will begin this week with a mid module assessment on telling time to the nearest minute and five minutes as well as solving elapsed time word problems. As we move through this week, we will be working with kilograms and grams, milliliters and liters as well as word problems involving volume and weight.

Reading: The first two days this week students will be wrapping up the novel they have been reading with me during guided reading group. We will focus on character traits, writing a summary of the novel as well as thinking about the central message or the overall lesson the author had in mind when writing his or her piece of literature. On Wednesday, we will begin our next reading unit which focuses specifically on sequence of events as well as finding the main idea of nonfiction text. Students will be studying a nonfiction text for the first week. After that, students will be focusing on an historical fiction book. We will be analyzing character but also learning about the time period in which the book was written.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will begin a new read-aloud entitled *The Bridge to Terabithia*. *This book is absolutely phenomenal. We will continue to practice reader-responses in our journals as well as learn new vocabulary words.*

Writing: Students will continue their second narrative writing piece this week. The prompt (in preparation for Halloween) is *Think of time where you were frightened or anxious about someone or something*. We will be reading a variety of mentor texts to help us focus on writing with enthusiasm and suspense. Students will really focus on showing not telling when writing their narratives. Spooky words and sounds will be introduced along the way to really enhance their writing. Each student will have a specific goal that they are working towards on this specific writing piece! The goal is to show overall improvement from our first narrative writing piece. We are beginning to speed up our process of narrative writing. Thus, by the end of the week, we will begin to revise and refine our written work.

Social Studies: We will continue our new Social Studies Unit this week. We will be focusing specifically on learning geography, landforms and climate of our 50 states. Students are going to begin their state research project this week! We have one more day of intensive researching that needs to be completed and then we will begin the actual writing process of the informational report!

Grammar: This week we will focus specifically on singular possessive and plural possessive nouns. In addition, we will continue to review common, proper, singular and plural nouns from last week! In addition, we will review our rules as to how we go about making nouns plural within our writing. This week, students will have a noun test which will take place on Thursday!



THE WEEK OF
October 31st-
November 4th

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing weekend! We had another fabulous week in our third grade classroom. Thank you o the parents who helped out with Fall Festival! It was a lovely event.

Please make sure your child is practicing their spelling words and math facts! In addition, please make sure you are checking in with your child to ensure that they are completing their homework. All parents will receive progress reports before Friday of this week!

Warmly,

Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Friday: Spelling Test

Math Test: (My class on Tuesday)

Thursday: Noun Test

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- * A reminder that students should be studying their multiplication facts!
- * Students should be reviewing their spelling words every night!
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