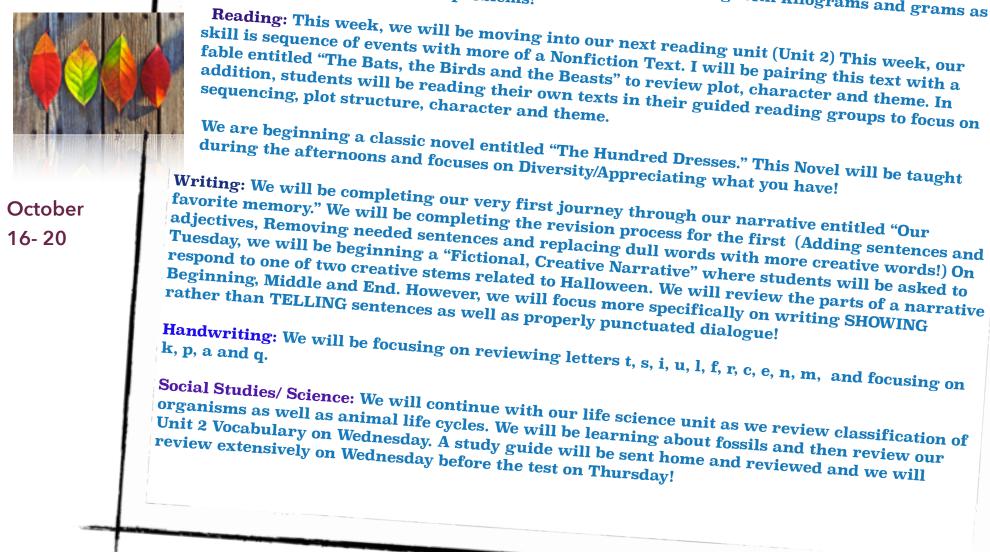# This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This past week we did change our math classes for the first time. Some students are still in my classroom for math, and others are with Mrs. Frederick or Mrs. Depellegrini! We began our new Unit Module 2 which focuses very specifically on measurement. This next week we will work on telling time to the nearest minute on the clock as well as a number line. In addition, we will work very closely on elapsed time (this tends to be one of the most difficult concepts to teach.) We will also move into estimating with kilograms and grams as well as working with word problems!

Reading: This week, we will be moving into our next reading unit (Unit 2) This week, our skill is sequence of events with more of a Nonfiction Text. I will be pairing this text with a fable entitled "The Bats, the Birds and the Beasts" to review plot, character and theme. In addition, students will be reading their own texts in their guided reading groups to focus on sequencing, plot structure, character and theme.

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!

Writing: We will be completing our very first journey through our narrative entitled "Our favorite memory." We will be completing the revision process for the first (Adding sentences and adjectives, Removing needed sentences and replacing dull words with more creative words!) On Tuesday, we will be beginning a "Fictional, Creative Narrative" where students will be asked to respond to one of two creative stems related to Halloween. We will review the parts of a narrative Beginning, Middle and End. However, we will focus more specifically on writing SHOWING rather than TELLING sentences as well as properly punctuated dialogue!

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.

Social Studies/ Science: We will continue with our life science unit as we review classification of organisms as well as animal life cycles. We will be learning about fossils and then review our Unit 2 Vocabulary on Wednesday. A study guide will be sent home and reviewed and we will review extensively on Wednesday before the test on Thursday!

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Third Grade Power Team
Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

I hope you are enjoying the beautiful weather outside! We continue to work on quiet transitions within the classroom as well as learning to collaborate and cooperate with all of our 3A peers. It was an absolutely pleasure seeing all of you at our Open House! I know the students were excited to share their hard work with you. It is quite amazing how much we have accomplished in just eight weeks! We have a terrific group of students! Thank you so much for coming.

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!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Vocabulary Test, Reading Test & Spelling Test: Friday

Math: Study Facts Every Night!!

Science Test: Thursday

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Spelling Words: math, toast, easy, socks, Friday, stuff, paid, cheese, June, elbow, program, shiny, piles, sticky, each, both, comb, holiday

Vocabulary words: unfurl, detail, plunge, swift, attentive, inverted, wavering, vigorously, concealed