



# This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** Please continue to encourage your scholar to practice their math facts at home! We will continue with our telling time “quiz” this coming Monday which we started on Friday. In addition, we will begin a full review of money, solidifying making change accurately, counting and comparing coins accurately and solving complex word problems. Our classroom will be transformed into a “Cafe” on Tuesday as students will pretend to be the customer paying as well as the cashier (making change.) In addition, on Wednesday students will be solving a variety of word problems using multiple operations. On Thursday, we will continue on with our measurement model discussing grams and kilograms as well as ounces and pounds. We will work on estimation as well as converting measurements. On Friday, we will continue measurement but also have a very small quiz related to money concepts learned throughout the past two weeks in the classroom.

**Reading:** This week we are reading one of my very favorite texts of all times “The Harvest Birds.” As a class we will be focusing very specifically this week on various inferencing exercises as well as identifying the theme/central message of the story. Students will also have the opportunity to choose a new complex folktale to read on Thursday to practice these skills of making character inferences as well as inferences about the lesson of the story.

**Read Aloud:** This week we will be concluding our novel entitled “The Wish Tree.” We will be reading this read-aloud side by side together and focusing on different points of view and diversity conflicts as well as looking at articles related to history and immigration to compare and contrast varying characters. In Writing this week, students will be diving into a similar immigration story entitled My Name is Sangoel. It is a book about the struggles of a present-day immigrant/refugee. It is a fabulous picture book with a wonderful message similar to “The Wish Tree.”

**Writing/ Handwriting:** This week we will be completing our second Personal Memoir piece focusing on the topic of “Our Bravest Moment.” Students will engage in a pre-writing activity on Monday followed by a completion of our graphic organizers on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. We will promptly begin writing on Thursday. Our sole focus for this memoir is to share a vivid memory while including only the details that better our story. As a class, we are focusing on “longer is no necessarily better.” How can I publish a memoir that is concise but also thought-provoking!

**Grammar:** This week we will continue to review helping verbs, main verbs and “to be” verbs. Students will be engaging in a final verb tense capstone project where they are asked to write three small paragraph about themselves in the Present, Past and then Future. Come Thursday, we will begin to tackle how to punctuate addresses correctly on an envelope versus when the address is written on one line.

**Social Studies;** I am so very excited to announce that we will begin our Social Studies Unit starting on Monday. We focus very specifically at first on the history of our state, how it became a state, the story of William Penn, etc. We will discuss the geography of Pennsylvania very extensively by looking at a physical map and then making a salt map. Towards the later end of the week, we will be heading into the 50 states and capitals and begin individual research projects related to these states.



Dear Families,  
Hello! I hope everyone is enjoying this beautiful weekend in the city of Pittsburgh! October is simply just flying by! I do wish that time would move just a little slower. Students continue to do an excellent job within the classroom. As we move through the months of November and December it is always important to remember to have your student stop and breathe for just a little bit. Academically, these three months are the most challenging for third graders. It seems as if a lot of the heavy content seems to fall on these three months! Not to mention, there is a lot going on outside of school with family gatherings and festivities! This is also a reminder even to myself to slow down, notice the beautiful passing of seasons and just smile! Please let me know if you have any questions!

## Upcoming Tests

- Spelling Test Friday
- Math Mid-Module Monday
- Reading Comprehension Friday and Vocabulary Test.
- Math Money Quiz Friday



### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS

A half day is scheduled for this coming Friday!

Our spelling words for this week can be followed by clicking here!  
<https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=57562340>