

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week the students will have math in the afternoon. All students will report to their homeroom classes for a math review before next week's testing. On Monday, as a class, we will review all that we have learned regarding time, elapsed time and money. On Tuesday, we will review fractions extensively. On Wednesday, we will review data analysis and interpretation of various graphs. On Thursday we will review various types of measurement (weight, length and volume.) On Friday, students will participate in a center activity of their choice that reviews skills they feel they need to practice further. I will be holding "small mini-groups" to review specific concepts with my students.

Reading: Students completed their final box car children dioramas on Friday. They did a phenomenal job with their novel. They not only depicted their favorite scene through art, but they also wrote a careful analysis of a chosen character and practiced close reading skills after selecting a favorite scene. This week, as a group we will be reading a version of *Oliver Twist*. Not only will the students participate in a careful reading of this novel, but they will also be learning about the historical time period during the time *Oliver Twist* was written as well as background information on Charles Dickens.

Writing: Due to the fact that we are unable to teach writing during this PSSA week, we will not be having our usual writer's workshop. This will resume next week!

Science: We are beginning our Plant Growth and Development Unit this week. In addition to learning the specific parts of a plant, the process of photosynthesis and the anatomy of a bean seed, students will be measuring and analyzing the growth of their Wisconsin Fast Plant throughout the next few weeks. This is an excellent unit filled with an incredible amount of exciting content!

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

No homework will be given this week as a result of the PSSA's! Just an extra reminder to have your child bring in a pillow, a snack and comfortable clothes (all are optional.) I have an extra supply of healthy snacks ready for students who accidentally forget their snack at home! In addition, please make sure your child is getting enough sleep so that they are energized and ready to power through the next two weeks of testing! All of the 3A students have been working incredibly hard in the classroom the past few weeks. I am truly inspired by all they have accomplished. Thank you for your continued and unending support.

Upcoming Tests

No tests given this week.

IMPORTANT NOTES!

There will be no spelling tests given over the next two weeks!