

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** Students did a beautiful job on their fractions test. Truly, they worked so very hard. The grades are currently in the grade book. However, test will be brought home and signed tomorrow evening. This week we will continue Module 6 which focuses on analyzing various graphs as well as constructing graphs. Students will be reviewing data as well as graphing both bar graphs and line plots this week. In addition, various mini-projects will ensue allowing students to look at real-world data and analyze accordingly by interpreting questions, noticing patterns and more. In addition, we will be reviewing how to measure to the nearest centimeter as well as the nearest inch during this unit. Students will be introduced to these concepts on Thursday and Friday of this week.

**Reading:** This week, students will be reading a Nonfiction Selection entitled "Migration Stories." It focuses both on comparing and contrasting whale migration as well as locust migration, the purpose behind migration, the details of migration and the effects of this migration process on the larger ecosystem. In addition, we will be reading a story (Paired Fiction text) entitled My Diary From Here to There which focuses on Migration of humans. In this particular story (written in both Spanish and English) the main character is discussing what it is like to move from another country to the United States, the fears and hardships. This will be a good point of comparison as we look at migration from the perspective of animals as well as people. On Thursday, we will be reading our close-reader story entitled "The Grasshopper and the Ants." This particular fable does go along with our main theme but also has a great central message which we will be looking at later this week!

We did complete our read-aloud entitled "Crenshaw" on Friday. The students selected the next read aloud entitled "Because of Winn Dixie." This is a perfect time of year to read a book such as this one. I very much look forward to our diversity activities and discussions as we read this book.

**Writing/ Handwriting:** This week, we will continue and complete our Final Opinion Piece. Students chose topics such as the following: The homeless need our help, global warming does exist, Gandhi is one of the most powerful leaders and more. Students conducted their own research based on the topic they selected last week. We have many interesting topics floating around our classroom. We discussed how to paraphrase as well as note taking skills when reading and researching. In addition, on Friday, the students participated in an activity reviewing how to write a funnel introductory paragraph for their opinion piece. For this particular piece we are not writing three paragraphs like we did last time. This time, we were just focusing on learning about a topic of interest, practicing our note-taking skills, reviewing an introductory paragraph and this week working on a single paragraph and making it the best it can be. After our revision of our paragraph this week, students will be listening to a variety of "Irish Folk Tales" due to the upcoming Saint Patrick's Day. We will be discussing and comparing protagonists, character traits, conflicts, theme and then spending time writing our own Irish Folktale in the spirit of Saint Patrick's Day.

**Grammar:** This week, students will be working a few more days on recognizing and identifying as well as applying adverbs. In addition, we will continue to review mini-grammar lesson learned throughout the year. Finally, students will be continuing and completing their children's books utilizing complex, compound and simple sentences as we continue to talk about types of sentences as well as sentence structure!

**Social Studies:** We will be reviewing three more individuals who have changed their community in some way including Malala, Cesar Chavez (continuation from Friday) as well as Sonia Sotomayor. In addition, we will be diving into our next



Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend! We will begin this week with many new topics and much excitement! Thank you as always for your continued support! The students continue to do a brilliant job learning and growing together.

Warmly,  
Mrs. Amoscato



## Upcoming Tests

Comprehension Checks  
(Reading) Thursday

Grammar Adverbs Quiz-Wed.

Spelling Test: Friday Review)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please encourage your child to practice their math facts at home as well as continue reading 10-15 minutes per night for fluency and comprehension purposes!

This week, students will be taking a different picture book home to read and complete a journal on as we begin to Celebrate Women's History Month!