



## This Week in Third Grade...

**Math:** This week in math, we will continue through our last Module reviewing area, geometry and perimeter. Students will be solving word problems regarding perimeter using the four operations as well as exploring and reviewing the difference between area and perimeter and how to find each when a given side length is missing! this week, due to the scheduling changes, we will have math Monday, Thursday and Friday.

**Reading:** This week, students will continue to review various reading concepts (author's purpose, compare and contrast, point of view, etc.) In addition, every day we will begin with smaller power-up warmups related to vocabulary and context clues as well as literal and nonliteral language (simile, metaphor, hyperbole, idiom and personification.) Students will be participating in full group as well as small group work and guided reading groups! On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week, we will be exploring an "Amelia Earhart" Novel as well as the theories behind Amelia's Disappearance. An interactive timeline will be made and students will learn about the history of Amelia and the time period in which she lived! We will explore her story during the days in which PSSA's are occurring!

**Writing/ Grammar:** Students will continue to select character traits and provide specific examples on their graphic organizer related to "their personal hero" of choice. Drafting will continue Monday and Tuesday and we will begin the actual writing process of the introductory paragraph as well as discuss the importance of a thesis statement and a hook to begin their piece.

**Read Aloud:** We are continuing this week our Independent Novel Study entitled "Extra Credit." Students will have a few independent reading assignment sprinkled throughout this week. Our main focus has been not only on recognizing cultural issues and differences, but also recognizing plot development, character development and universal themes spread throughout the pages of this story. Small quick-checks and inquiry based projects will emerge as we read the next four or five chapters of this novel.

**Handwriting:** We will be reviewing our lowercase letters this week through the connecting of two or three letters to make words. In addition, we will continue capital letters this week as part of our direct instruction. We just had our very first spelling test in cursive. Students did a really lovely job (even though it was tough!)

**Social Studies:** This week, we will continue our Social Studies Unit as we begin to talk about Supply and Demand as well as global trade and how this works/benefits specific countries. :)



## Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Families,

Good Evening! I hope everyone enjoyed their weekend! It seems to be getting a bit warmer (with a little more sun) which has been quite refreshing! We had a lovely week as a full group last week. Students showed much respect towards one another, excellent grit and kindness. As I reflect back on our power team from the beginning of the year until now, I cannot even believe just how far we have come both as students and as kind young citizens.

This is just a reminder that PSSA's will start promptly at 8:30 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Our schedules will be slightly different than normal. However, we do tend to keep relatively normal schedules in the afternoon! Students are allowed to bring in a snack and a drink (for themselves) on Tuesday-Thursday of this week.

Homework will be stopped this week due to the long hours of testing. Next week, students will resume their normal spelling, vocabulary and reading schedule! Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this!

I know that students will have a fantastic week this week. Their work ethic the past few weeks has been nothing less than outstanding!

Warmly,  
Miss Amoscato

## Upcoming Tests

THE PSSA TEST will take place  
Tuesday-Thursday of this week!

NO SPELLING WILL TAKE PLACE  
THIS WEEK!

## IMPORTANT NOTES!

Please be sure to sign up at the following link for your Spring Conference! I am certainly able to meet with you at any time of day that is convenient outside the ones listed! Also, if you prefer to talk via the phone, we can do this as well! I'm quite flexible, but I do find it important to meet with everyone in some way!

TAKE 5! All students should be practicing their multiplication facts for (5 minutes) each and every night!