

This Week in Third Grade...



Math: This week in math, we will continue our fractions unit! Students have truly done an excellent job as we have begun this rather difficult unit (as it is very abstract.) On Monday, we will begin comparing unit fractions by reasoning about their size using fraction strips. In addition, we will continue reviewing improper fractions as well as how to model improper fractions drawing fraction strips. On Tuesday, we will compare unit fractions with different sized models representing the whole. On Thursday and Friday, we will begin representing fractions on the number line. At first, we will practice placing fractions starting with the endpoint zero. Eventually, we will begin placing fractions on a number line starting with fractions equal to 1, 2 and 3.

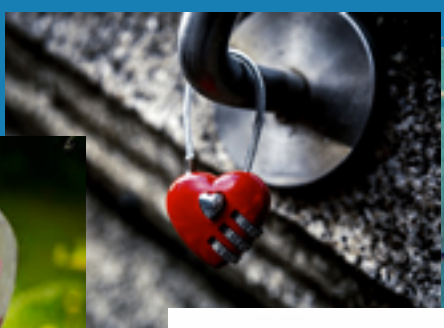
Reading: This week, students will be learning about the features of drama. We will be reading a drama entitled "Bear Cubs." Students will be learning about the importance of the setting, characters, character development, scene, stage directions, conflict, solution and theme. Students will be acting out the parts to practice reading fluency as well as analyzing the features of this drama. In addition, students will be reading a second drama that also has to do with bears and hibernation while also engaging in mini-lessons with poetry and nonfiction close-reading on Thursday of this week.

Read Aloud: This week we will continue reading our new novel entitled "Crenshaw" and will most likely finish early next week.

Writing/ Handwriting: This week, we will continue the learning of our Uppercase letter formation as well as lowercase letters. We are beginning to take our spelling tests completely in cursive. In addition, we are continuing on with our Homework versus No Homework debate. We have watched a variety of media clips and read many articles related to this debate. On Friday, students chose what side they were on and then chose three reasons as to why homework should or should not take place within schools. Truly, we have had many thought-provoking take-aways from our discussions! This week, students will be searching for their evidence (from their sources) to place in their graphic organizer. On Tuesday, we will begin our Opinion Writing letter focusing on the greeting as well as the initial hook and thesis to begin the body of the letter. On Wednesday and Thursday, students will draft their first, second and third paragraphs of their Homework Opinion letter.

Grammar: This week, students will be reviewing linking verbs and helping verbs and the difference between both! In addition, we will begin with a mini-lesson on Complex Sentences (a review) which will then take us into a new project we will begin next week where students will actually be illustrating their own Children's Book "If you give a _____ a _____." I have found this piece of literature to be one of the best examples of teaching students how to write!

Science: This week, we will continue our Energy adventure through creating our own rollercoasters through our kinetic and potential energy project. In addition, we will be conducting an experiment on Wednesday regarding motion and Thursday regarding the energy of sound. We have been having much fun constructing and experimenting and applying the concepts we are learning.



Dear Families,
Good Evening! We had a great full week back at school! Just a reminder that this week is Valentine's Day! We will be having our School Celebration on Thursday, In addition, I sent each student home with a white bag last week! This white bag should be decorated with as many drawing and decorations as possible representing the child as a person! These bags can be brought in as early as Monday, February 11th and no later than Tuesday, February 12th! If students wish to participate in our exchange, they should have enough valentines to exchange with our whole class! I will have extra valentines on hand for students who need them! Also, please be aware that candy should not be exchanged due to our school policy! Please be on the lookout for a Valentine's Day Progress Report regarding your child's progress within the third grade! These will be sent throughout this week!
Warmly,
Mrs. Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Math quick checks throughout the week.

Comprehension Checks (Reading) Thursday

Spelling Test/Vocabulary on Thursday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our Valentine's Day Party will take place on Thursday of this week!

<https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=59953583>

