

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This week in 3A, we will be reviewing a lot of past skills in preparation for our first unit starting Monday of next week. We will be diving into some real-world word problems, reviewing multi-digit addition and subtraction, reviewing place value, time and money! It will be a combination of hands-on tasks as well as electronic tasks!

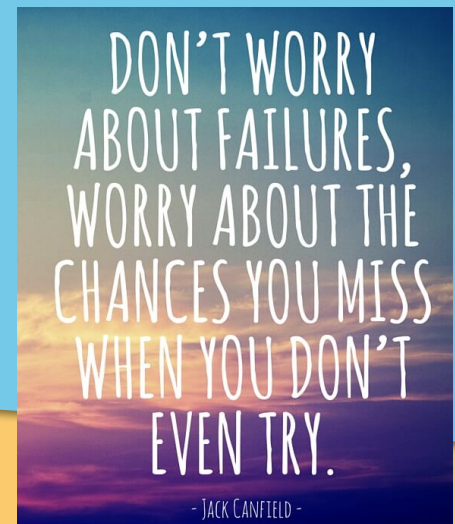
Reading: This week, students will be engaging in a variety of literature as we review the importance of theme, plot, characterization, conflict/resolution and other important elements of literature. We will be engaging with one of my favorite texts entitled "Albert." This is a beautiful story with complex characterization as well as real-world emotions that are fitting for such a time as this. On Tuesday, Thursday and Friday we will be engaging in a lengthier picture book written in prose entitled "A School Year in Six Voices." This is a brilliant read that focuses on comparing and contrasting characters as well as looking at dynamic characters and how they shift and change over time.

Grammar: This week, we will be composing our own small poetry piece whilst listening to other pieces of poetry about "The Best Part of Me." In addition, we will be engaging in a variety of technology lessons that align with our curriculum to focus on our learning interests, worries, concerns, opinions and perspectives as we begin this school year. In addition, we will be reading a book entitled "WishTree." This is a beautiful global read aloud focusing on tolerance, respect, love and positivity. We will be engaging in a variety of outdoor and indoor projects related to our global read aloud kickoff.

Writing/ Handwriting: Students will be engaging in a few handwriting samples, and we will also begin our handwriting unit this week focusing on the cursive letters. In addition, we will be engaging in a few writing pieces. However, our main focus for the beginning of the year is writing a compare and contrast piece that compares our life with lives of children living in different countries such as India, China and Nigeria. We will be exploring these cultures via photos, videos, articles and more. Students will also have the opportunity to write a short information narrative paragraph about their favorite "snapshot" regarding what a "Day in the Life" looks like to them.

STEAM: We will be beginning the year with STEAM but alternating with Social Studies/World lessons as well. This week, we will become used to various components of the technology we will be using via pallet, Seesaw, Google Classroom, etc. Many supplies were sent home with students who are experiencing school virtually! All of these supplies will be utilized as we embark on a STEAM adventure this week through building challenges, small puzzles and creative projects to get our minds flowing. We will be moving through five important classroom principles that we always practice in our 3A classroom: Persistence. Think Outside the Box. Zest. Gratitude. Accuracy and Precision as well as Wonder!

Spelling: There are no spelling words for this week. However, we will be beginning our new spelling list starting on Monday of next week!



Dear Families,

I hope everyone had a beautiful summer with family and friends. This certainly has been quite the start to a year! Just a reminder that we will be running tomorrow as if it is a "regular" virtual school day! We will take as many breaks as needed and have fun in the process!

Google Meet for Virtual Days: <https://meet.google.com/lookup/eoaeiygi35>

Warmly,
Mrs. Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Math: No Upcoming Tests!

Reading: No Upcoming Tests!

Spelling: No Upcoming Tests!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Since Wednesday are "Virtual" days at home as my classroom will be cleaned that day, I will be holding a Weekly Wednesday Breakfast Club starting at 8:20. Anyone who wishes is welcome to join and keep themselves "unmuted," tell stories, ask questions and just have fun whilst eating breakfast!