



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Every third grade student will start out in their "home base" for math instruction! We like to do this at the beginning of the year, so we can better know our students and their mathematical minds! At the beginning of each day this week, we will review concepts such as place value, time, double digit addition and subtraction as well as counting money and coin combinations. In addition, we will also be starting Module 1 of the Grade 3 Math Curriculum which focuses specifically on the concepts behind multiplication and division. We will be learning about math language such as "equation," "array" "size of group" "number of groups" "expression" "factor" an "divisor." Students will be completing a variety of real-life problems involving arrays, small games and other activities that promote conceptual thinking!

Reading: This week, we will be beginning our very first Reading Unit which has us reading a book entitled "A Fine Fine School." Students will participate in many writing activities, close-reading activities, paired readings, vocabulary exercises, etc. Students will also be reading another book selection that goes along with this school theme at the beginning of the year. Focus on this second selection will occur the last 20 minutes on Thursdays and during our Fridays after a small quiz on the selection! Vocabulary words will be 3-whole punched and sent home on Monday for extra review and practice! Students will also be asked to bring their reading books home and re-read "A Fine Fine School" for better understanding on Monday Evenings!

Read Aloud: This week we will begin with a few smaller read-aloud selections to prepare us for our beginning of the year novel entitled Wishtree. We are focusing specifically on the beauty of diversity as well as important literary themes that we can take with us throughout life! The actual novel reading will begin on Thursday!

Writing/ Handwriting: We will continue with our compare and contrast piece between our daily life compared to the daily life of children living in Kakuma. Students will then begin their first "mini-writing" piece about their own daily life on Thursday. We will review the 5-step process of writing beginning with pre-writing and then heading into drafting at the end of this week.

Grammar: This week, focus will be on learning simple subjects and predicates as well as complete subjects and predicates. We will also focus on recognizing and fixing fragments and run-on sentences

Science: We began last week by kicking off our Science Curriculum with a few STEM challenges within the classroom. This week, we will be beginning our Life Science Unit by reviewing the parts and functions of a plant. Specifically, we will be discussing the function of leaves, roots and stems. real-live plants will be supplied and dissected so that students are able to compare and contrast real-live organisms from nature!

Dear Families,
Hello! I hope you had a wonderful weekend with family and friends! Above is a small snapshot of what is going on in every subject within our classroom! Please let me know if you have any questions regarding content! We had a beautiful first two days within our classroom. What a wonderful group of students I have this year. Their energy and smiles are just simply contagious. Just a reminder that students are still welcome to bring in a picture of themselves completing a daily life activity for our "One World One Day" classroom project. Thank you so much for your cereal box donations as well as the other supplies that were brought in! I truly appreciate it!
-Mrs. Amoscato



- ### Upcoming Tests
- Spelling Test Friday
 - Vocabulary Test Friday
 - Reading Comprehension Quiz Friday on "A Fine Fine School"

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS
All homework will be posted on my website ms.amoscato.com
Please bring back school forms as soon as possible!