

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** This week in 3A, we will be continuing on with Module 1 as we begin the week focusing on word problems and multi-step word problems using tape diagrams. On Tuesday, we will work again with the commutative property embedded within word problems as well as representing the commutative property with tape diagrams! We will then move into the distributive property as well as ending the week with a firm understanding of the relationship between multiplication and division as it relates to word problems. Tackling word problems as well as labeling our numbers and making sure we are answering the question fully are all important math concepts we will continue to work on this week.

**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 comparing and contrasting characters, analyzing theme and discussing literature centered around "Building Bridges." We will be reading a folktale regarding building relationships as well as "Pop's Bridge" which is a great story for discussing points of view within literature. We will also be reading a nonfiction piece that deals with the building of the Golden Gate Bridge which is pretty interesting as well as ending the week with another piece of literature in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month entitled Lado a Lado!

**Grammar:** This week, we will be continuing on with compound sentences as a reminder of what they are and really focusing on how to properly write a compound sentence. However, we will also be engaging with nouns, proper, common, singular and plural through a variety of creative writing projects, poems and other means of identification and application. We will be creating a Fall acrostic poem focused on descriptive adjectives as well as nouns and a PEACE poem that focuses on sensory nouns and sensory language to deliver to our Peace friends in Belgium. We will be celebrating international PEACE week as we travel through this week of school!

**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. We will review letters t, i, s, u, e, l, f and learn a few more letters as well. In writing this week, we will be beginning to formulate our first recount narrative. The goal is really focused, clear, concise writing with complete sentences. Students will be writing their introduction on Monday and then writing individual parts of their story throughout the week. We are focused on sentence variation, details and also expanding our sentences from our graphic organizer.

**STEAM:** We will be taking our second science TEST on Tuesday regarding Chapter 1 plants and plant parts. We will also be reviewing this information and then diving into our new Chapter (before moving onto Social Studies) that focuses on animal characteristics, groups of animals, comparisons and contrasts of various groups of animals. Students will be creating hands-on projects, art, research and more as we dive into this new science chapter.

**Spelling:** Spelling words for this week can be found on Google Classroom via spelling city. Test will be Friday in the morning! Vocabulary words can also be found on Google Classroom as well via quizlet to practice!



Dear Families,

This is our fifth week of school and the beauty of Autumn is among us! Just a reminder that students should really try to practice (for 4 minutes every night) their multiplication facts! The quicker we learn those facts, the better our math will become! All of the students have been really doing such a marvelous job in the classroom. I am proud of each and every one of them! I expect another beautiful week ahead! Progress reports will be sent throughout this week. Be on the lookout for these!

## Upcoming Tests

Math: Quick Checks throughout the week.

Reading: Test Thursday and Vocabulary test FRIDAY

Spelling: Test Friday

Science: Test TUESDAY

## 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. who wishes to come may join!

