

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** On Monday of this week we will review the distributive property as well as number bonds and jump into the relationship between multiplication and division as students design their own multi-faceted word problems to think critically about this relationship. On Tuesday, students will focus on Division and the distributive property while on Wednesday and Thursday students will be exploring a variety of centers as well as math challenges as we dive head first into two and even three step word problems related to multiplication and division! Please continue to encourage your child to practice their multiplication facts nightly!

**Reading:** This week, students will be engaging in a variety of new vocabulary words as well as stories related to analyzing character, story structure as well as the importance of cause and effect within literature. We will be reading the story "Roberto Clemente Pittsburgh Pride" as well as looking at the history behind the women's baseball league. Students will have the opportunity to choose their own book this week to explore related to our sports and overcoming diversity challenge with a journal entry due on Thursday of this week regarding their chosen story.

**Grammar:** Our Poem for this week as we celebrate "Peace Week" in preparation for International Peace Day is entitled "The Human Family" by Maya Angelou. We will read for fluency as well as meaning. We will continue the categorization of nouns (common, proper, singular, plural, gender specific) through poems and literary excerpts. Students will be engaging in a "October menu challenge" this week where they will be asked to design a "Fall-themed" menu item for a restaurant using as many nouns as possible and then categorizing those nouns using their own key. In addition, this week we are hopping into all the rules of plural nouns as well as singular and possessive nouns. Many hands-on activities are planned from "student-owned" plural noun collections to other possession suitcase games and challenges.

**Writing/ Handwriting:** Students will begin their third cursive writing lesson this week as review letters taught last week but also move into our "round top letters." In writing, students will explore the "orientation beginnings" of six picture books as we look at how to write a good introduction to our narrative writing recount of our "Magical Moment" challenge. We will focus writing our Introduction Monday, our first main event Tuesday, and second and third events Wednesday and Thursday. This week, we are focusing on complete sentences and organization/sequencing of the story!

**Science:** This week we will continue our bean plant inquiry and review how plants react to light/heat/temperature. On Tuesday through the rest of the week, students will be engaging with animal groupings, invertebrates versus vertebrates and students will begin a mini research project on their choice of amphibian versus reptile project!



Dear Families,

A very happy almost first day of Fall! Just a reminder that you may find all newsletters posted on my site [ms.amoscato.com](https://www.ms.amoscato.com). You can access the newsletter this week by clicking on the Third Grade tab on the top of my website. Then, hovering over with your cursor and clicking on "newsletters."

In addition, spelling words for this week I have posted on spelling city

<https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=63870272>

Students can practice their words online if they wish. Please be checking your student's homework log nightly as this needs to be signed in the parent comment section underneath the date the homework is assigned. I also sent home an extra math account for students to sign up online at home for extra math practice!

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding the username or password. Students should be practicing their math facts for at least 5-10 minutes per night to build fluency! Thank you as always for your help and your support!

-Mrs. Amoscato

## Upcoming Tests

Reading: Comprehension test  
Thursday and vocabulary Test  
Friday

Spelling-Friday

Math- Quick Checks Throughout  
the week.

Grammar check: Thursday!

## Special ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure your student is practicing multiplication facts!

Peace Cranes will be sent to a classroom in Mexico as well as a classroom in Florida this week as we prepare for Peace Day!

We have a new beautiful student arriving Monday. Welcome Zixuan Li!