

This Week in Third Grade...



August
28th-
September
1st

Math: This week in math will be spent reviewing a few second grade concepts before we dive into our new Engage New York Unit which focuses specifically on principals of multiplication as well as division (conceptual understanding.) We will be reviewing place-value, money, problem solving and double digit addition and subtraction.

Reading: This week we will be reading a few complex trade books (Thank you, Mr. Falker, Rain School, etc.) Students will begin thinking about story elements and structure (theme, setting, characters and plot) as well as using concrete evidence to discuss the text. I will introduce the Socratic Seminar of reading discussion which we will be utilizing this year as a way to begin analyzing a text. In addition, we will begin our "Journeys" curriculum first lesson on Friday. We will continue to engage with text structure and analysis, new spelling words will be introduced and vocabulary words for next week.

Students will be engaging with the text "Fish in a Tree" our first novel of this year focusing very specifically on embracing differences, practicing empathy and understanding diversity. We will also be writing in our journals for the first time!

Writing: Our very first writing task will essentially be a paragraph writing task. Not only will we learn about the day in the life of a child living in a different part of the world, but we will work on comparing and contrasting our daily life to the life this child experiences. Students will be utilizing their "global picture" as a way to generate ideas for this first writing task. Focus will be placed on following the writing process (pre-writing, brainstorming, drafting, revising, editing and publishing.) In addition, we will begin a review of simple sentences this week, the difference between simple sentences and fragments and parts of simple sentences (subject vs. predicate!)

Handwriting: We will briefly review slant print this week. Students will then begin our cursive writing unit pretest for this year! We will also be discussing "Why Cursive?"

Social Studies/ Science: We will begin our life-science next week. This week, students will be participating in a variety of STEM activities to aid in collaboration, cooperation and communication with one another. We will be discussing what we learned after each and every experiment to emphasize the importance of reflection-based learning.

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the 3A classroom! At the end of every week, you will be receiving a newsletter for the following week detailing the activities that will take place in every subject! In addition, I will always note when a test, quiz or special event is coming up within the classroom. Third grade is a huge year for organization and responsibility, and I find that the newsletter helps with this! Generally, I will send an email through Power School with a link to my newsletter via my website (ms.amoscato.com) However, if you prefer to have a printout of the newsletter, I will always be more than happy to print copies to send home. I look forward to a wonderful third grade year with all of you! I absolutely love my profession, and I am quite excited to start yet another magical journey!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

No upcoming tests at this
time!

IMPORTANT NOTES!

Please have your student bring in a picture of their favorite "daily activity" as part of our Global Writing Project! In addition, students may bring in pictures of summer adventures to share during the first few Morning Meeting gatherings.

Spelling Words: crop, plan, thing, smell, shut, sticky, spent, lunch, pumpkin, clock, gift, class, skip, swing, next, hug, hospital, fantastic

Vocabulary words: principal, principle, soared (ascend), strolled (meander), worried (anxious) proud (arrogant), announced (declared), fine (superior) and certainly (absolutely.)