

This Week in Third Grade...



If I cannot do
great things.
I can do small things
in a **great way.**

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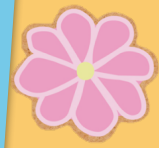
Math: This week in 3A, we will be beginning our first Module focusing on the conceptual understanding behind multiplication. Students will understand the importance of factors and what the factors stand for, modeling through arrays and solving word problems utilizing number bonds, pictorial evidence, equations and expressions. Students will work as a full group to model with multiplication, independently and in partner pairs as we bring real-world concepts into the classroom.

Reading: This week, students will be engaging in new vocabulary words, spelling as well as diving into our two main text selections for this week entitled "A Fine Fine School" as well as the book entitled "Albert." This week particularly we will be focusing on analyzing character, setting, theme as well as making inferences between and across texts as we explore the importance of learning both inside and outside of the classroom. In addition, students will read a few articles from a nonfiction selection entitled "Cool and Unusual Schools" where we will focus on close-reading some very interesting facts about schools in different parts of the world.

Grammar: This week, we will be focusing on grammar through writing and working on stretching our sentences as we identify subject and predicate. We will be working on the four types of simple sentences through a variety of creative writing activities and pictorial prompts. In addition, students will partake in a small cursive pre-assessment, and we will begin our first few cursive letters this week!

Writing: Students last week brainstormed the many parts of themselves that make them unique (legs, heart, eyes, nose, personality.) This week, we will continue our mapping techniques as well as listening to a variety of poems from the book "The Best Part of Me." Students will work on providing examples that support their opinion and then writing and revising their very first poem written in prose. Students will also focus on the many beautiful parts of their identity as we continue to work on our self-portraits as well as describe the beauty of ourselves using similes and metaphors.

Science: Students will spend this week exploring the many habitats of the world through multi-media, environmental hikes outdoors as well as discussing a few real-world problems that are impacting our animal habitats today. Students will choose a habitat to focus on specifically as well as species that are endangered living within those habitats. Students will build a 3D habitat on Friday after gathering information as we work on our first very small research report project.



Dear Families,
I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend! It was certainly a beautiful one. Just a reminder to return any notes or paperwork that need to be returned to the office. These papers were sent home in a manila envelope the first day of school. In addition, if you have a family survey still, you are welcome to turn in anytime next week! The spelling words for this week can also be access online for extra practice <https://www.spellingcity.com/view-spelling-list.html?listId=62808338>. As always, thank you for your support, and I look forward to another amazing week in the third grade classroom!
Warmly,
Mrs. Amoscato



Upcoming Tests

Math: Small Exit Tickets throughout the week

Reading: There will be spelling, comprehension and vocabulary tests on Friday and Thursday of this week!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our first spelling test will take place on Friday of this week.

Orchestra papers will be sent home Monday and will need to be returned on Thursday if your student is interested in playing an instrument!