

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Before diving into our first Engage New York module dealing with the beginning stages of multiplication using arrays, we will spend the first four days reviewing the following: addition and subtraction facts, addition and subtraction word problems, conceptual understanding of two and three digit addition/subtraction, time, money and place value. Students will be participating in group activities, partner activities and individual activities to review these concepts!

Reading: This week, time will be spent on understanding reader's workshop (mini-lesson, guided reading and center rotations.) The first mini lesson will focus on the "elements of an excellent reader." Together, we will analyze and discuss a piece of literature known as "Thank You Mr. Falker" by Patricia Polacco. Our following mini lessons will focus on asking questions through Socratic Seminar as well as being mindful of how to select books from the library. On Thursday, we will begin Reader's Workshop with a collection of short stories by Tomie DePaola entitled 26 Fairmount Avenue. This will be read in four of our guided reading groups so that we can practice third grade level comprehension skills and so I can get an idea of reading fluency levels.

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will be doing our read-aloud entitled Fish in a Tree. Students will receive their writing journals, vocabulary will be introduced and creative discussions will take place!

Writing: We will be beginning our Writer's Workshop Unit this week with a short stanza to Maya Angelou's poem entitled "The Human Family." In addition, students will begin a short writing prompt known as "The Best Part of Me." These short writing activities will act as small writing exercises before we begin our first Narrative/Memoir Writing Unit next week.

Science: We will begin our first Science Unit next week!

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a very relaxing weekend before the first week of school! I am looking forward to meeting all of my students this week. We have quite an exciting week planned for our first week of school. A school assembly will take place both Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Students will receive their assignment books, subject folders and writing notebooks. We will discuss our classroom rules, begin morning meeting and learn the routines of Writer's Workshop as well as Reader's Workshop.

Please have your child bring in one or two pictures from the summer that he/she would like to share! We will be sharing our summer adventures during morning meeting this week and next week!

The first week is always a magical one. Once again, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me or call me!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

There are no upcoming tests for this week.

IMPORTANT NOTES!

A School Assembly will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week!



THE WEEK OF
August 30-
September 2nd