



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students should continue to practice their math facts every night! We will be ending our first Module on Tuesday. Students will review for the test on Tuesday and will receive a study guide to complete for extra practice! The End of Module Assessment will take place on Wednesday! On Thursday and Friday we will be beginning Module 2 of the Engage New York curriculum. This module focuses very specifically on time, elapsed time and other areas of measurement. We will be beginning this unit using stop watches to really understand measuring time in second and minutes. In addition, we will begin thinking about time using a number line.

Reading: Last week, students began a new unit and guided reading book with me focusing very specifically on the changing of character throughout a story. This is one of my favorite units to teach! Students will continue reading their novel with me as well as answering text dependent analysis questions. Students will also rotate through a variety of centers (main idea and detail using authentic Time magazines, Authentic Picture Book Analysis and readtheory-org.)

In addition to Reader's Workshop, we will end our read-aloud entitled **Fish in a Tree**. Students will complete a paragraph character analysis of a chosen character from the story. In addition, they will be bringing this character to life. In addition, we will discuss the purpose behind the writing of this story and the central message the author was trying to share with the reader. A lesson on theme and central message will be conducted later this week.

Writing: Students completed their first in a collection of Memoir Pieces last week. On Monday, students will complete a self-assessment of this piece through filling out a rubric based on conventions, organization, style and word-choice used in their writing. Students will also begin a second memoir piece later on this week where they will write about an experience that was particularly hard for them. Once again, the purpose is not only to practice narrative writing but also to reflect on WHY they are writing this piece in the first place.

Social Studies: We will continue our new Social Studies Unit this week by reviewing geography learned last week as well as learning the history behind Pennsylvania and the thirteen colonies. Students will take a small quiz on the continents and oceans this Thursday as well as the founding of Pennsylvania as a colony. Towards the end of the week, students will be choosing a state to research starting next week. Students will be writing an informational report on their given state and important destination starting next week. This is an excellent project that combines both writing as well as in-depth research of a newly discovered destination.

Grammar: Students will review common nouns and proper nouns from last week. In addition, students will practice the identification of singular and plural nouns and will learn the rules behind forming proper nouns later on this week.

Third Grade Power Team

Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone has had a relaxing weekend! We had another fabulous week in our third grade classroom.

Just a reminder that agenda books should be signed every night! In addition, please make sure your child is practicing their spelling words and math facts! Currently, everyone has started learning their multiplication facts. I am trying a new multiplication program this year known as Otter-box. I just placed these flashcards on my website in case your student has misplaced their flashcards. You must navigate to my website (ms.amoscato.com) At the top, you will find a tab that says "Third Grade." If you hover over this tab, there will be a drop down tab entitled "links." When you click on this links tab, you will see a list of websites for both math and reading. The first link underneath the math header is the link to the flashcards.

Students have a half day on Wednesday as well as Friday of this week! In addition, Open House is this coming Thursday! I hope to see you there!

Warmly,
Miss Amoscato

Upcoming Tests

Friday: Spelling Test

Wednesday: Math Test

Thursday: S.S. Quiz

IMPORTANT NOTES!

- * A reminder that students should be studying their multiplication facts!
- * Students should be reviewing their spelling words every night!