

# This Week in Third Grade...



**Math:** This week, students will continue to dive into our second Module entitled "Time and Measurement." We will continue to review multiplication and division principles as reviews throughout this unit! On Monday, students will review elapsed time (in some cases greater than an hour) as well as time using words and telling time with accuracy. Students will either receive their time study guide Monday towards the end of class or Tuesday during class. The test will either be on Tuesday or Wednesday depending on how we are progressing! For the remainder of the week we are jumping into a mini unit of money where students will compare money values, round to the nearest dollar as well as learn how to make change with accuracy. We have a lot of pretty fun activities planned to make money more interactive for the students!



**Reading:** We will be diving into a few pieces of literature this week. Our literature theme for the week is the following: What do Illustrators do? We will continue with our practice of sequence of events activities as well as noticing certain nonfiction text features and discussing their purpose. Our close read for this week is Jack and the Beanstalk. Thus, we will be reading this story closely as well as two other pretty eclectic version of Jack and the Beanstalk (Jack and the Baked Beanstalk) as well as (Jack and the French Fries) to practice comparing and analyzing characters, theme and plot across texts.



**Grammar:** We will continue exploring verbs. Action verbs, Helping Verbs and Linking Verbs will be reviewed at the beginning of this week. A variety of small lab activities and sorting activities will take place within the classroom to practice categorization and recognition of various types of verbs. In addition, a small assessment of verbs will take place on Wednesday of this week with a study guide reviewed on Tuesday!

Another series of mini-grammar lessons will also take place as we create a few comic strip dialogue example as we focus on this particular narrative recount on properly punctuating dialogue when the tag is placed first.

**Writing/ Handwriting:** Students will begin another cursive writing lesson this week as review letters taught last week but also move into our "round top letters." In addition, due to the October Month, we will begin writing our Creative Fiction Narrative Piece to be concluded at the end of this month as we use a few wordless picture books to discuss the structure of a creative fiction piece. Students will eventually choose from a series of four picture prompts regarding something Mysterious happening on "October 31st" and will begin to brainstorm an effective problem and solution, setting and character sketch. We have quite an artistic class this year, so I am looking forward to their plot creations.

**Science:** Tomorrow we will be reviewing Chapter 2 "Animals" as well as taking a small mini-assessment. Students will also be creating an animal life cycle poster of an animal of choice as well as paraphrasing the important stages of growth as a concluding project. The remainder of the week we are finally jumping into our first series of Social Studies lessons. Students will be learning the continents and the oceans. Not only that, but we will be learning about Natural resources, Industry, geography, climate and wildlife of Pennsylvania as students embark upon a Pennsylvania State Poster project. This will be a "precursor" into our "State Scrapbook" Project as we move into next week.



Dear Families,

I greatly enjoyed seeing your wonderful families at Open House on Thursday. I know the students were very excited to share their work with you. They certainly have all been working hard! This upcoming Friday we have our Fall Festival. For those of you who are new to Hartwood, this is a really lovely day where students are able to go to various stations, play fall games, enjoy some crafts and enjoy the season that is Fall. We also have another strange week in that we have a half day early dismissal on Wednesday of this week. We continue to focus on practicing the qualities of a scholar within the classroom: kindness, excellent citizenship, drive and passion. 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=57336634> Students can practice their words online if they wish.

Students should also be reading their Accelerated Reader novel (from the library) 10-15 minutes per night! The more books read this year the better!

## Upcoming Tests

Reading: Comprehension tests  
Thursday

Spelling-Friday

Math Test Time: Tuesday or  
Wednesday of this week!

Grammar Verb Check: Wednesday  
of this week

## Special ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure your student is practicing multiplication facts!  
A Half Day Early Dismissal will occur on Wednesday of this  
week!

Our Fall Festival will occur on Friday of this week!