



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: We worked very hard last week with kilograms and grams as well as milliliters and liters. We completed many hands-on measurement activities, estimation activities and worked on complex problem-solving. This week in mathematics we will be starting rounding to the nearest 10 and 100 with two digit, three digit and four digit numbers. On Thursday, we will work on solving problems involving rounding to the nearest 100. Finally, on Friday, students will begin working with the addition algorithm in solving three digit and four digit addition problems and word problems. Students will participate in a domino center, money center and time center to solidify concepts of rounding this week!

Reading: We will be diving into a few pieces of literature this week. We are taking a bit of a break from our Journeys Curriculum and focusing on Main Idea and Details as well as digging deep with nonfiction. Students will each receive their own novel entitled "Who was H.J. Heinz? This fits quite well into our Social Studies curriculum considering the students just completed their Pennsylvania Poster Project! This story is an excellent one and we will have a few "Heinz Ketchup" competitions along the way. Warmups will take place here and there with small paragraphs focusing on the important of finding the main idea as well as how the main idea is quite different from "Theme" or central message.

Grammar: We will continue our explanation of concrete versus abstract nouns this week. On Monday, students will complete their "Abstract/Concrete Sensory Noun Poetry Project." The images the students have created have been superb. In addition to a few concrete and abstract sorts throughout this week, we will be diving into two small poems and thinking about how poets take an abstract noun as a topic and add imagery to make it concrete using similes and metaphors. Two small poems will be looked at this week: "The Rose that Grew from Concrete" as well as "Dreams." Students will be creating a small project thinking about imagery, abstract nouns and symbols as part of an art, literature and grammar project.

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. This will be one of our Mini-Lessons (in addition to paragraphing) that we cycle through throughout this week as we write our "October Spooky Creative Fiction Piece."

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." Our Creative Fiction Pieces are coming to an end. Students did an unbelievable job of thinking of a thick plot based off a chosen image. We have been working on applying paragraph breaks, dialogue, sensory words and this week will work on using the thesaurus to create better imagery. Conclusion, Revision and Editing workshops will take place this week!



Social Studies: Students completed their Pennsylvania Geography Projects as they explored natural resources, industry, wildlife, climate and more in the state of Pennsylvania. Tomorrow, students will be completing their salt dough physical maps as we continue to learn about Pennsylvania Geography. Students will choose a state as well as a chosen historical destination or event attached to that state on Monday of this week. Our research project for Social Studies will begin Wednesday as we begin thinking about how to take notes without plagiarizing, reviewing the importance of paraphrasing and taking notes using at least three different sources (books and chosen websites) to complete our index card note-taking adventure.)



Dear Families,

We had a very creative week in

Third Grade last week as we were finishing up Social Studies Projects, starting new writing projects and learning through literature and mathematics. It was a festive Halloween Week for sure! It is quite hard to believe we are already in the month of November.

Conferences will take place tomorrow and Tuesday of this week. I look forward to meeting all of you to discuss your wonderful students. We certainly have a beautiful class this year. I'm truly lucky. 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.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=58209520>



Upcoming Tests

Reading: Comprehension tests
Thursday

Spelling-Friday

Math- Quick Checks throughout this week

Special ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please make sure your student is practicing multiplication facts as well as their spelling words at home!

Most students have received their AR books and many have already completed their book for this month! I'm quite proud :)