

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: This Monday, I will be holding an extensive math review during our math block in the morning. Students had the opportunity on Thursday of last week to sign up for “mini—courses” centered around concepts they did not feel comfortable with. While some students will be attending specific mini courses, other students will be reviewing through a series of math stations set up around the room.

Reading: The students had the opportunity to read *Oliver Twist* this week. We analyzed the characters and central messages depicted through the story of *Oliver Twist*. I must say, this story has an incredibly complex plot. However, the students were completely enthralled and handled the challenges with ease. The students will finish the *Oliver Twist* musical on Monday and we will begin a new short read-aloud on Tuesday.

Writing: We will be starting a new writing unit this week. In order to focus on the complex nuances of fiction, my class will be extensively analyzing and studying fables. We will not only be focusing on reading fables and determining the central message through evidence, but we will also be writing fables, performing and illustrating fables over the next two to three weeks.

Science: We are beginning our Plant Growth and Development Unit this week. In addition to learning the specific parts of a plant, the process of photosynthesis and the anatomy of a bean seed, students will be measuring and analyzing the growth of their Wisconsin Fast Plant throughout the next few weeks. This is an excellent unit filled with an incredible amount of exciting content!

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

No homework will be given this week as a result of the PSSA's! Just an extra reminder to have your child bring in a pillow, a snack and comfortable clothes (all are optional.) I have an extra supply of healthy snacks ready for students who accidentally forget their snack at home! In addition, please make sure your child is getting enough sleep so that they are energized and ready to power through the next two weeks of testing! All of the 3A students did their absolute best this week for the English Language Arts portion of the PSSA's. They worked incredibly hard. We have three more days of testing this week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday).

Upcoming Tests

PSSA Math Test (Tuesday,
Wednesday and Thursday)

IMPORTANT NOTES!

There will be no spelling test given this week. However, I will be giving the students a new spelling list this Friday.