



THE WEEK OF:
December
14th-
December
18th

This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! We are so close to completing our class goal before Holiday Break! We will have one timed test each day this week to help us reach this goal! :) Students will continue to focus on multiplication this week. Particularly, this unit focuses on learning our 6's, 7's and 8's facts. In addition, students will be reviewing the commutative properties of multiplication as well as the purpose of parentheses in math equations.

Reading: Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. Students will continue to work through their assigned book. Students in my reading group will be focusing on answering text dependent analysis questions as well as writing solid summaries using a graphic organizer as a guide.

Writing: This week, we will revise our Realistic Fiction pieces on Monday and Tuesday using our revision checklist. Students will begin a new Realistic Fiction piece on Wednesday. We will be brainstorming "realistic problems" that could occur during "this time of year." Students will complete this realistic fiction story with less instruction at a quicker pace. We will share these final pieces next week before break. As always, sensory words, imagery, dialogue, descriptive details and solid closings will be discussed throughout the week. A particular emphasis will be placed on using dialogue properly with a variety of dialogue tags.

Science: Currently, we are headed into our second Science Unit entitled "Chemical Tests." Students will be conducting a variety of science experiments to discover the 5 'unknowns.' Students will learn to make predictions based on properties (looks, feels, smells and sounds.)

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that you should be checking your child's homework every night. Homework logs should be signed daily by a parent (including Fridays!) Students should be practicing their multiplication facts every night! Once they pass their multiplication timed test (2 minutes) they will move on to the next set of multiplication facts. At least 10 minutes should be devoted to facts each night! In addition, students should be practicing their spelling words every night! Studying small chunks every night will make the studying more manageable!

A special thank you to Johnny's mother for coming in to talk to us about Down Syndrome Awareness. The presentation was absolutely phenomenal. The students certainly learned a lot! Our Holiday Party will take place next week! We have a lot of festivities to look forward to!

Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, December 18th, 2015.

A verb quiz will take place on Thursday, December 17th, 2015.

Important Notes!

The "Crazy Days of December" continue on this week! All donations are appreciated!