



This Week in Third Grade...

Math: Students need to continue practicing their multiplication facts! Currently, most students are practicing their 6 multiplication facts and beyond! We will continue to have multiplication tests Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The students are still timed for 2 minutes and expected to solve 48 problems in this amount of time! We will continue through Module 4 this week. Module 4 works extensively with geometry and area. Specifically, we will work closely on finding the area of a rectangle. Objectives include relating side lengths of a rectangle to the area model as well as using multiplication to determine area.

Reading: Students will continue to analyze character and practice finding main idea and details through a variety of genres. This week, we will begin Reading Unit 6. The comprehension strategy for this unit is learning to separate fact from opinion. The metacognitive strategy involves questioning and taking extensive notes whilst reading.

Writing: At the beginning of this week, students will continue to share their procedural writing pieces with the class. In addition, we will be completing a Text Dependent Analysis as an ending project to *The Tale of Despereaux*. As a class, we will think about how Despereaux acted with courage in the face of adversity.

Social Studies: As we continue through our unit on Immigration, Diversity and Culture around the United States, students will finish up their "Immigrant Country" research report graphic organizer. On Wednesday, we will begin thinking about how to take our notes, sort them into their proper categories and then build compound, complex and simple sentences as we begin to write our research reports.

THE WEEK OF:
January 25th-
January 29th

Third Grade Power Team Ms. Amoscato's News

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone is staying warm despite the incredibly cold and snowy weather! 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 chocolate order will be sent out this coming Monday. The orders are placed in the student mailboxes. Please make sure you read the white slip placed inside the orders with "Important Dates" as to when the orders need to be returned to school. Thank you!

Upcoming Tests

A Spelling Test will take place on Friday, January 29th, 2016.

A Social Studies Quiz will take place on Friday, January 29th 2016

Important Notes!

Report Cards will be sent out towards the end of this week! Grades are currently updated on Power School.

I will not be in the classroom on Monday and Tuesday as I will be attending mandatory professional development sessions for new teachers. I look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday!