



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – May 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Readers will account stories including character actions and how they contribute to the sequence. They will also recount stories using text-based details to understand the central message, lesson, or theme.

Word Study – The students will continue to practice various spelling patterns each week in class.

Grammar – Daily Language – Variety of writing skills, mechanics, and conventions are practiced daily.

Writing – Writers will support a point of view with reasons and evidence.

Math:

The students will begin Chapter 12 – Geometry: Two-Dimensional Shapes. The mathematical concepts that are covered during this unit are plane shapes, angles in plane shapes, polygons, triangles, and quadrilaterals.

Social Studies:

The students will continue studying Brazil this month. We will study how culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in Brazil.

Science:

This month the students will be answering the question: *What is an organism?*

Technology:

During the month of May, your child will continue to focus on keyboarding and mouse skills, as well as proper use of the Internet. We will be using online tools to help maximize these skills. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, ensuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. We will also be continuing to learn about Microsoft Word and how to find information about a topic using online resources.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. Granatelli: Students in Class 320 will begin the visual arts component with exploring how to draw and paint their self-portrait.
Mr. Cintula: Students are working on their repertoire of folk/world music in "The Music Connection" (Grade 3). They are also learning music staff decoding skills with both note names and rhythms. Ms. Hession's class is learning how to read the music staff through folk songs in their textbook "The Music Connection", as well as using interactive smart board note reading games. They are working on folk songs from around the world throughout the year.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will work on improvisation on Orff Barred Instruments with proper mallet technique, read/apply Duple meter rhythms, and begin study of recorder.

*IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/2 – PEP Your Time
- 5/2, 5/3, & 5/4 – NYS Math Exams
- 5/7 – PTA hosts Mother/Son Bowling at Showplace
- 5/9 – PEP: Tough Topic – Suicide
- 5/12 – PTA hosts Spring Plant Sale and Fair
- 5/16 – PEP Your Time
- 5/16 – Spring Concert (Middle School groups perform), 7:00pm
- 5/18 – Petrides Street Fair, 5:00-8:00pm
- 5/18 – Spring Concert (High School groups perform), 7:00pm
- 5/23 – PEP: Topic – How to create and keep a positive home environment
- 5/23 – Visit your child's classroom, 12:45pm
- 5/26 – 3rd Grade Show "Come Together"
- 5/29 – Memorial Day, No School
- 5/30 – PEP Your Time



News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- April showers bring May flowers. Lets continue to bloom this month by continuing to read each night from a variety of genres and practicing our multiplication facts daily.

PTA News

We are looking for parents to run for positions on the 2017/18 PTA board and also for the SLT (school leadership team). Please let us know if you are interested. New people are welcome and appreciated. Rock em not Sock em event has been postponed.

We are having a Mother Son bowling event May 7th from 1:00-3:00pm at Showplace Bowling. Please look for an updated flyer in your children's folders.

The Kindergarten Fashion Show is Thursday, May 11th. Our annual Spring Fair will be held Friday, May 12th. We are looking for volunteers to help as always. Contact the PTA if you are interested in helping us.

"A journey of a thousand miles must begin with a single step."

--Lao Tza

"Testing time is here! Continue to stay focused and show all that you know!"

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A Note From Ms. Caccese

Hello Families,

Spring has sprung...let's get outside and enjoy that sunshine! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year...let's stay focused and bright until then.

We are proud to open our classroom doors to include parents in the exciting learning that is happening at the Petrides School. We would love for you to observe and be a part of some of the special styles and ways your children learn through each day. This includes things like station style learning, small groups/centers and partner work using classroom resources and tools. We encourage you to visit your child's classroom on the grade's assigned date and time included below:

- Kindergarten: Monday, May 22nd @ 9:00AM
- 1st Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 12:00PM
- 2nd Grade: Thursday, May 25th @ 9:00AM
- 3rd Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @12:45PM
- 4th Grade: Tuesday, May 23rd @ 10:00AM

Looking forward to seeing you soon, and as always we appreciate YOU and your involvement in our special school!
Ms. Caccese



