



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – December 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading - It's all about non-fiction!

The students will understand main ideas by looking closely at the facts and details used to support them. They will also be able to identify comparisons, contrasts, and changes over time by closely reading sentences, paragraphs, and text features across texts about the same topic.

Writing - Our 3rd grade writers will continue writing an informational piece. By the end of the unit, they will be able to use research-based facts and text features to convey main ideas and details about a topic that changes over time.

Vocabulary - Each week the students will receive vocabulary words that relate to our unit of study. They will be assessed on those words each Friday.

Math: Multiply! Multiply! Multiply!

This month the students will begin Chapter 6. They will use multiplication facts and division strategies to solve multi-step word problems.

Social Studies:

Our 3rd graders will begin their journey as they travel around the world. First stop...Brazil! Students will learn how the culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in Brazil.

Science:

This month the students will learn about measurement of volume using grams and liters.

Technology:

Your child will continue practicing their keyboarding and mouse skills, typing, resources used for research, and proper use of the Internet. 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. In the month of December we will be focusing on typing skills. We will also be introduced to Microsoft Word and learning how to find information about a topic using online resources.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of December students will work with modeling clay.

Mr. Cintula: We are singing seasonal folk music from around the world through our textbook series the Music Connection grade three. We are singing together and solo as well as working with percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn combinable songs for harmonic concepts, 2 line dances, a "Reel" dance with beautiful singing, recorder note identification, many holiday songs with motions, and self-evaluate.

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/6 - PTA General Membership Meeting

12/8 - PTA hosts our annual Holiday Fair - see separate class visitation schedule

12/19 - F.U.D.G.E. Day

12/23 - 1/1 - Holiday Break - School resumes on 1/2

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Have your child read more non-fiction texts this month.
- Review your multiplication facts (0-12) daily.
- Review your content-based and math vocabulary daily.
- Be sure to use text-based evidence when answering all types of questions, such as multiple choice, short answers, and extended response questions.
- *****Check our instagram and twitter pages:**
Twitter - @PetridesSchool
Instagram - mjpetrides school



PTA News

PTA Meeting - 12/6
Save the Date - Holiday Fair 12/8

"Have a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year!"

**-Ms. Udin, Ms. A. Bollini, Ms. Grissler,
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A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you attend our Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Communication and collaboration between families and school is extremely beneficial for the success of our students, so we THANK YOU!

I encourage and appreciate your continued support at upcoming Parents as Partners events. It was so nice to see parents up at school this past month to assist at workshops in the classroom, shop at the book fair, and enjoy SING! I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. We are continuing to send children outside for recess when the weather permits.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of family, friends, and fun! I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

