



# Third Grade Thoughts

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## Parent Newsletter – February 2018

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

#### Literacy:

**Reading** – The students will recount stories, including fables, folktales, and myths from diverse cultures. They will also be determining the central message, lesson, or moral and explain how it is conveyed through key details in the text.

**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:

The students will begin to work on Chapter 9, Compare Fractions. The students will learn how to compare fractions with same numerator and denominator, compare and order fractions, and identify and model equivalent fractions.

#### Social Studies:

The students will begin their journey through China and take a closer look at the history, culture, geography, and people of China.

#### 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 February 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 February students continue working on their self-portrait.

**Mr. Cintula:** This current rotation is beginning their study of folk music from around the world in each grade level book. Both classes are also exploring music about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and civil rights.

**Ms. LaMorte:** Students will begin study of Soprano Recorder (Hand position, Tone Production, Note B with new piece, possibly Note A), and self-evaluate.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

2/11 – Thank Heaven For Little Girls Dance – Tickets on sale now

2/13 – 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

2/16 – Lunar New Year – No School

2/19-2/23 – Midwinter Recess – No School

2/28 – PAWS Awards Ceremony, 6:30pm

2/28 – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm – Following PAWS Awards

### Respect for All Week February 12 – February 15

2/13 Antibullying Pledge

2/14 Wear Pink or Red – Random Acts of Kindness

2/15 Wear Blue – Petrides Pride

### News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Continue to practice all multiplication facts (0-12).
- 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.
- Work on using mathematical language in written mathematical explanations.
- **\*\*\*Check our instagram and twitter pages:**  
Twitter – @PetridesSchool  
Instagram – mjpetrides school



*“The statewides will be here before you know it!  
Continue to work your hardest and try your best!”*

*-Ms. Udin, Ms. A. Bollini, Ms. Grissler,  
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### Social Emotional Learning Curriculum – Sanford Harmony

This month, we will be focusing on the topic of Communication. The goal this month is to foster the use of effective communication skills during social interactions and cooperative work groups. Students will participate in observational and experiential exercises to increase their awareness of healthy and unhealthy communication patterns. Students will practice using effective communication skills in cooperative learning group activities.

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

February certainly brings about thoughts of love and happiness—and I truly LOVE Petrides and all of our families. Thank you for your continued support and for volunteering your time in our school, it really makes our school such a special place. This month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling the most adorable outfits. Thank you to the PTA for coordinating this awesome event. Please take note of all of the upcoming events planned for this month, we look forward to seeing you there.

My email address has changed. Please use [JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov) to reach me.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi



