



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – February 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading –

Although all of our learning up until this point supports the Common Core, we are beginning our test preparation for the upcoming ELA statewide test. Using various materials, we will review all of the skills that the children will be exposed to on the upcoming exam. We will also continue our focus on reading complex texts.

Writing – We will be expanding on our thoughts about the texts we have read to prepare the students to properly answer the short and extended response questions. The students need to use textual evidence to help them respond to both types of questions.

Vocabulary – Students will be using Wordly Wise in class. They will be assessed on their words each Friday.

Math:

The students will begin Module 5 of Eureka Math. Students will extend and deepen their knowledge of fractions as numbers on the number line. They will practice with equal shares to understanding fractions as equal partitions of a whole.

Social Studies:

The students will continue to study China this month and how culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in China.

Science:

The students will continue to learn about living things.

Technology:

During the month of February, your child will be focusing their navigation skills using their prior practice of keyboarding and mouse expertise, along with 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 Performing Arts?

Mr. Cintula: 3rd Grade General Music is moving forward in Unit 1: Lesson 2 "The Shape of Melody". Concepts include: Melody, singing, listening, showing lower and higher pitch patterns by clapping and snapping, links to social studies. Beginning with the folk song "Chan Mali Chan" from Singapore.

Ms. Eliot: Class 322 is starting to learn the different sounds of each instrument and how sound is produced. We will continue with each instrument family to learn what they look and sound like.

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of *February* students will explore "collage" techniques.

Ms. LaGrotta (333): During dance class in February, third grade classes will be continuing identifying and demonstrating isolated dance moves of various body parts, locomotor and non-locomotor movements, and dancing with different tempos and rhythms.

*IMPORTANT DATES

2/14 – 100th Day of School

2/17 – 2/21 – Midwinter Recess- No School

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.



PTA News

February 7th – Pretzels for Panthers


February 9th – Sweetheart Dance, 2-5pm

February 12th – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

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

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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. Last month, our Kindergarten cuties walked the runway at the Fashion Show modeling their 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.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at JCaputo9@schools.nyc.gov.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

