

Third Grade Thoughts

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WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading -

As readers this month, the students' goal will be to distinguish their own points of view from that of the author of a text by using various articles and text based evidence to support their opinions.

Writing - Students will be writing opinion pieces on topics, supporting their point of view with reasons.

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:

We will begin Chapter 7, called "Division Facts and Strategies". Students will learn how to represent and solve word problems using different division strategies.

Social Studies:

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

Science:

This month the students will learn about temperature and the weather.

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 January 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 January students will begin their art class learning to draw and paint their self-portrait. Wishing you a very creative & happy New Year!

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 complete tonal and rhythm music assessments, learn piece with improvisation on Barred Instruments with proper mallet work and simple Duple rhythm patterns, discuss/apply beautiful singing techniques, and learn/perform music selection with dance in Canon form.

*IMPORTANT DATES

1/1 - Happy New Year! No school

1/2 - School resumes

1/15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No school

1/17 - PAWS Awards, 6:30pm

1/17 - PTA General Interest Meeting, 7:00pm



"Looking forward to a successful new year of learning!"

*-Ms. Udin, Ms. A. Bollini, Ms. Grissler,
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News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- 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

Social Emotional Learning Curriculum

This year, we are rolling out Sanford Harmony Curriculum, a Social Emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. It allows students to communicate, cooperate, connect, embrace diversity, and resolve conflict with their teachers and peers. Our elementary school students are really enjoying their "Meet up and Buddy Up" time during the day. During the month of January, students will be immersed in the Diversity and Inclusion Unit where they will promote an inclusive environment and a common classroom identity. Students will be provided opportunities to get to know each other and taught to recognize and appreciate each other's similarities and differences. Students will develop a common classroom identity by working together to develop a classroom name and motto.

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

I would like to wish all of you a very Happy New Year! So many fabulous things happened here at Petrides in 2017 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops and shopping at the fair. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2018!

Please continue to dress your child for the changing of the seasons, as we are committed to sending the children outside for recess, weather permitting. Thank you for all that you do and we are looking forward to a happy and healthy New Year with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



