



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – January 2020

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading -

The students will be identifying the main idea of a text and be able to support the main idea with key details from the text.

Writing - Students will continue writing their informational pieces on a topic of their choice.

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

Math:

Students will begin Eureka Math Module 4 - Multiplication and Area. Students will learn about area using area models to help them understand the concepts of area measurement.

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:

The students will continue to learn about living organisms.

Technology:

During the month of January, 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 beginning the new year with Unit 1: Music for the Fun of It! Which incorporates singing, moving, analyzing and introduction to Orff instruments.

Ms. Eliot: Students will learn about the different instruments in an orchestra and explore the elements of music.

Ms. Granatelli: Happy New Year! During the month of *January 2020* students begin their Visual Arts Component. Students start with learning about the elements of designs.

Ms. LaGrotta (333): During dance class in January, 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

- 1/1 - New Year's Day, No school
- 1/2 - First day back to school from Winter Break.
- 1/20 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day, No School
- 1/23 - 10th Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show, 7:00pm

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.



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

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PTA News

The PTA would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year! We are looking forward to 2020 and would love for you to join us for some events this year. Our monthly PTA meeting will be held on January 15th at 6:30pm and our Annual Kindergarten Fashion Show will be held on January 23rd. Please join us if your schedule permits!

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 2019 and I thank each and every one of you for your continued support. The building was filled with parents in December for holiday workshops, shopping at the fair and singing holiday songs. Please continue to join us at upcoming Parents as Partners events in the New Year. We look forward to an even better 2020!

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

