



# Third Grade Thoughts

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## Parent Newsletter – March 2020

### WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

**Literacy:**

**Reading -**

Although all of our learning up until this point supports the Common Core, we are continuing 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 continue to expand 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 continue working in 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 begin to study Brazil this month and how culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in Brazil.

**Science:**

The students will continue to learn about living things.

**Technology:**

During the month of March, 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 3 "Rhythm Around The House". The main concept is: Rhythm.

Our goal is to be able to read a rhythm pattern of quarter notes, eighth notes and quarter note rests as well as play obstinate patterns on our Orff Instruments. Links to social studies will be included. Some featured songs will be: Great Big House, Sweet Potatoes, My Friend Tom, Rain is Falling Down.

**Ms. Eliot:** Class 322 is continuing 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 *March* students in class 320 will continue exploring "collage" techniques.

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

3/4 - Report cards distributed

3/5 - Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences - 12:20pm to 2:20pm

3/5 - Evening Parent Teacher Conferences - 5:00pm to 8:00pm

3/25 & 3/26 - NYS ELA Exams

### LOOKING AHEAD...

4/22 & 4/23 - NYS Math Exams

### 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**

March 6<sup>th</sup> - Pretzels for Panthers

March 18<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Night of Chances - PTA is requesting \$5 donation from families

***"We are in the home stretch. Continue to work hard and maintain your focus this month as we prepare for the Common Core ELA and Math tests."***

***-Ms. Udin, Ms. Grissler, Ms. Doran,  
Ms. A. Bollini, Mr. Lyman and Ms. Sconzo***

**A Note From Ms. Ponzi**

Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Parents of 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,  
Ms. Ponzi