



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – November 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – It's all about non-fiction!

The students will understand main ideas by looking closely at the facts and details used to support them. They will also be able to identify comparisons, contrasts, and changes over time by closely reading sentences, paragraphs, and text features across texts about the same topic.

Word Study – The students will continue to practice various spelling patterns each week in class.

Writing – Our 3rd grade writers will be writing an informational piece. By the end of the unit, they will be able to use research-based facts and text features to convey main ideas and details about a topic that changes over time.

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: Multiply! Multiply! Multiply!

This month is all about multiplication. The following concepts will be covered during chapters 3 and 4: associative, distributive, and commutative properties of multiplication, multiplying with 0-12 times tables, and problem solving involving multiplication.

Social Studies:

The students will continue studying world geography and culture through the use of primary sources.

Science:

This month the students will be learning all about trees and the function of roots.



Technology:

During the month of November, your child will be focusing on both keyboarding and mouse skills as well as 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 Music and Art?

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of November students will explore the art technique of "collage."

Mr. Cintula: We are continuing our journey of folk music around the world through our textbook series "The Music Connection", grade 3. We will be singing together and solo as well as sample percussion instruments and techniques on various songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will continue study of soprano recorder, secure notes B and A, learn note G with 2 new pieces, read proper notation for pieces, learn new piece and poem for Thanksgiving, and analyze music.

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/7 – Election Day – No school for students

11/15 – Report Cards Distributed

11/15 – Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:30pm-8pm

11/16 – Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20pm-2:20pm

11/16 – Half Day – 11:20am dismissal time

11/21 – Parents as Partners Workshop: Complex Text, 2:30pm

11/23 & 11/24 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Have your child read more non-fiction texts this month.
- Review your multiplication facts (0-12) daily.
- Review your content-based and math vocabulary daily.

PTA News

PTA Meeting – 11/8

Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

"Third Grade is on the case...Let's continue to be reading detectives by finding textual evidence and math detectives as we are ongoing problem solvers."

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A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the parents who have supported our children so far this school year. We would like to say a big thank you to our PTA who organized this year's Halloween event "Boo at your School" for our Elementary School students.

This month we will be celebrating the importance of reading here at school, but reading at home is very important too. The benefits of independent reading include improved vocabulary, verbal fluency, and enhanced general academic achievement. This year, our school has partnered with MobyMax, a website that is designed to individualize student learning. This resource offers your child access to texts based on their reading level, practice with comprehension questions and tips and skills to master standards. This engaging website will motivate your child to read independently and build comprehension. Usernames and passwords have been sent home and teachers are monitoring students' usage at home and are encouraging it.

As Dr. Seuss says, "The more you read, the more things you will know. The more you learn, the more places you will go." I cannot wait to see all the places our children will go.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



