



# Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – November 2018

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:

The students will be studying how to define a problem and how to design a solution to their problem.

### Technology:

During the month of November, 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 Music and Art?

**Ms. Granatelli:** During the month of November students will create a work of art using collage techniques.

**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 new note G and coordinate with B and A in 2 new pieces, and learn/apply crossover bordun accompaniment with Barred Instruments to recorder piece.

### \*IMPORTANT DATES

11/6 - Election Day - No School for Students

11/12 - Veteran's Day - No School

11/22 & 11/23 - Thanksgiving Recess - No School

11/27 - Report Cards Distributed

11/28 - Half Day - 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences, 12:20pm-2:20pm

Evening Parent Teacher Conferences, 5:00pm-8:00pm

### 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

-Thank you Panther families for making our 1<sup>st</sup> trunk or treat possible. We truly appreciate your generosity and support.

-Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Pretzels for Panthers sale will be held on Friday, 11/2 during all three lunch periods for \$1 each. Pre-K - 12 are encouraged to participate. Please be reminded that Pretzels for Panthers will be the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month.

-Thank you to those who have participated in our World's Finest Chocolate fundraiser.

-Please join us on 11/8 for "Pies with the PTA" at 7:00pm for your chance to win a raffle and to discuss more about what's to come for elementary. We will be serving freshly baked pies.

*"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."*

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

### A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

November is a month to give thanks! I am so thankful for all of the family members 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 "Trunk or Treat" 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. Please be sure that your child is reading books on their independent reading level provided by their teacher.

One of my favorite quotes from Dr. Seuss is, "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

