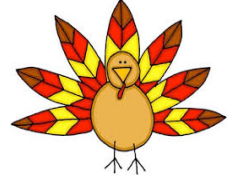


Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – November 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Readers will analyze characters this month. They will learn about character traits, as well as their actions and motivations and how this contributes to the sequence of events.

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

Writing – Writers will continue working on their narratives. They are getting ready to publish their final piece.

Math:

Students will continue exploring multiplication and division as they enter Module 3 of Eureka Math. The focus will be on multiplying and dividing by 0, 1, and 6-9.

Social Studies:

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

Science:

Students will continue to learn about living things in our world.

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 Performing Arts?

Mr. Cintula: We will be getting to know our Orff instrument collection consisting of: Soprano, Alto & Bass Xylophones and Metallophones, Frame drums, Suzuki Tympani, Tempo Blocks and other exciting accompaniment instruments. We are learning folk songs with Orff accompaniment from our World Music and Drumming leveled method book. More method books with Orff arranged pop songs are on the way too!

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

Ms. Granatelli: During the month of November, students will learn how to create a collage. All art materials are provided in class.

Ms. LaGrotta (333): During dance class in November, 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. We will begin working on our alphabet unit, which allows the students to be creative and make the letters of the alphabet with their body!

*IMPORTANT DATES

11/5 – Election Day, No School for students

11/11 – Veteran's Day, No School

11/13 – Report Cards Distributed

11/14 – Half day of school, 11:20am dismissal

Afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences: 12:20pm – 2:20pm

Evening Parent Teacher Conferences: 5:00pm – 8:00pm

11/20 – PTA Meeting, 6:30pm

11/28 & 11/29 – Thanksgiving Recess

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Remember to have your child read from a variety of fiction and nonfiction texts daily (books, magazines, articles, newspapers).
- Start reviewing your multiplication facts.
- Review your content-based and math vocabulary daily.



“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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PTA News

Hi families! Thank you for attending movie night and Trunk or Treat!

PTA Meeting on November 20th at 6:30pm. We will be voting on Early Childhood VP position.

Bowling with the Panthers – Sunday, November 17th from 2:00pm-4:00pm. \$15 per person includes bowling, shoes, pizza, and drink

Pretzels for Panthers is November 1st.

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 "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 practicing reading nightly and reading books that are on their independent reading level.

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

