

Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – October 2017

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Students will be using a standards based curriculum to refer to parts of stories (ex. Chapter, paragraph, scene, and stanza) and explain how parts build upon earlier sections of the story.

Word Study – The students will be introduced to a new word each day in class. The students are encouraged to use these words throughout the year, as well as in their writing to build their vocabulary. In addition, each unit in Literacy and Math will incorporate content-based vocabulary.

Writing – Our young authors will be writing a narrative account. As writers, their goal is to use specific sensory details, dialogue and description to advance the sequence of events in a story.

Math:

This month our mathematicians will begin Chapter 2, "Represent and Interpret Data". The following concepts covered throughout the unit are: organizing data, making and using bar graphs, picture graphs and line plots, and solving problems using data.

Social Studies:

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

Science:

Through the Ready Gen Curriculum, the students will be exposed to various science related topics.

Technology:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2017-2018 school year. I am very excited to be taking on the challenges of guiding your child on his/her journey to become an expert at using technology. In agreement with the Chancellor of all New York City Public Schools, Carmen Farina, I would like to ensure your children graduate his/her grade with the digital skills they need to succeed.

During the course of this school year, your child will be introduced to keyboarding and mouse skills, typing, resources used for research, and proper use of the Internet. Along the way, we will work on integrating their literacy and mathematical skills, insuring that all our students maximize their learning with hands on opportunities to succeed. In the month of October we will be focusing on mouse and keyboarding skills.

What's New in Music and Art?

Ms. Granatelli: For the month of October, students will be putting their artistic finishing touches on their self-portraits.

Mr. Cintula: We are beginning our introduction to 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 begin study of soprano recorder to work with proper hold and tone, notes B and A, and proper read/play of 2 music selections.

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/9 – Columbus Day – No School

10/18 – PTA Meeting, 7pm

10/29 – PTA sponsors "Boo at My School", 2-5pm

10/31 – Halloween March of Dimes Wonder Walk on school track. Students may wear their Halloween attire. No face masks please.



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.

PTA News

Coming up:

10/16 – Chocolate Sale Ends

10/18 – Next PTA Meeting

10/29 – Boo at My School – We are accepting candy donations. Please label donations "ATTN PTA" and feel free to send them to school with your child, leave them at the main office, or at circular drive during drop off.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help with the event please e-mail D31r080pa@schools.nyc.gov

Save the Date – Holiday Fair 12/8

"We are so looking forward to a wonderful year in the 3rd grade."

-Ms. Udin, Ms. A. Bollini, Ms. Grissler, Ms. Sconzo, Ms. Doran and Ms. Hession

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

We are off to a great start and I am super excited to begin this next month of school. We will be hosting a Walk-a-thon to support the March of Dimes on October 31st at 9:45am on the field. All students in grades Pre-K-4 are invited to walk in their Halloween costumes on our annual parade. We ask that you refrain from dressing the students in costumes with masks and please do not send props into school. March of Dimes envelopes will be sent home this week and can be returned with donations on the day of the Wonder Walk. Parents are welcome to view our costume parade on the field (weather permitting). Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi



