

Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – October 2018

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Students will be using a standards based curriculum to ask and answer questions to show they understand the text. Students will also be able to refer to the text to find the answers.

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 our reading curriculum, the students will be exposed to various science related topics.

Technology:

During the month of October, 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 October, students begin with learning to draw and paint their self-portrait.

Mr. Cintula: We are beginning our exploration of folk music from around the world in our Music Connection text.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will begin study of soprano recorder (proper hold/play techniques), learn/play B and new piece and possibly A and new piece, learn proper singing techniques with new piece, and dance in Canon form.

*IMPORTANT DATES

10/8 – Columbus Day – No School

10/17 – PTA Meet & Greet (Adults only), 7:00pm

10/28 – PTA hosts Trunk or Treat

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

-Pretzel sales! The first Friday of the month we will have a pretzel sale outside of the cafeteria. Students wishing to purchase a pretzel should bring \$1.00 with them to lunch. It has been suggested to put an envelope with student's name, date and marked "pretzel money" to be placed either in their lunch box or if the teacher could remind the student to bring it with them to lunch.

-Movie night save the date Friday, 10/5 at 7pm in the Quad. Premiering the Emoji Movie. Children will receive an emoji bracelet, popcorn, and drink with a donation of \$5 per person.

-Halloween "Trunk or Treat" will be in our Quad with lots of candy treats and fun games/activities and bouncy house. More information will be given out as date approaches. Save the date for Sunday, 10/28.

-Chocolate bar sales will be starting soon! More information to follow.



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

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

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 track. 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

