

Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – April 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – The students will be reading texts to distinguish their own point of view from the point of view of the narrator, author, or other characters in the text.

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

Writing – The students will be writing opinion pieces on topics supporting their point of view with reasons.

Math:

We will continue to prepare the students for the Math Statewide Assessment. Using various materials, we will review all of the skills that the children will be exposed to on the upcoming exam.

Social Studies:

The students will continue to study China. We will study how culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in China.

Technology:

During the month of April, 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 April, students will explore drawing and painting still life arrangements.

Mr. Cintula: We are continuing to work on folk music from around the world in our 3rd grade level book.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn/apply "Reel" in dance, accompany piece with Crossover Bordun Accompaniment, learn recorder piece with B, A, G, and learn line dance.

*IMPORTANT DATES

4/2 & 4/3 - NYS ELA Exams

4/12 - 7:00pm, 4/13 - 7:00pm, 4/14 - 2:00pm

The Michael J. Petrides School presents

The Little Mermaid

4/17 - Paws Awards/Academic Success Celebration, 6:30pm

4/19 - 4/28 - Spring Recess

LOOKING AHEAD...

5/1 & 5/2 - NYS Math Exams

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- Use EngageNY.org as a tool to help prepare your child for the Math Statewides. Use the rubrics provided to have the students assess themselves upon completion of complex text and problem of the day homework.
- Continue to practice all multiplication facts (0-12).
- Review your content-based and math vocabulary daily.
- Be sure to use text-based evidence when answering all types of questions, such as multiple choice, short answers, and extended response questions.
- Work on using mathematical language in written mathematical explanations.



"Testing time is here! Continue to stay focused and show all that you know!"

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PTA News



Friday, April 5th is Pretzels for Panthers.

Bowling with the Panthers is April 7th from 2-4 at Showplace. It's \$15 per bowler. Included 1 slice of pizza, drink, 2 hours of bowling, and shoe rental.

[PTA meeting is Wednesday, April 17 at 7:00pm.](#)

Dave and Busters Power cards are on sale now until May 20th.

We would like to thank you for attending the Night of Chances. It was a huge success and a special thank you to all of our donors, volunteers, teachers, staff, and students for all of their hardworking and help.

Thank you!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

Spring is finally here and we are heading into the final stretch of the school year! Our children have grown in so many ways and they continue to make us proud each day. Our upper elementary students have been working very hard this past month to prepare for the NYS ELA and Math exams. Our younger students are inspired and continue to practice becoming better readers, writers and problem solvers. I am so proud of everyone, keep up the great work!!

We will continue to host opportunities to engage with our parents and work together to ensure the success of our children. We encourage you to volunteer your time here at school during upcoming special events

Enjoy the upcoming Spring Recess with the ones you love!

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

