



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – December 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.

Writing - Our 3rd grade writers will begin 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 the students will begin Chapter 5. They will continue to use multiplication facts and strategies to solve multi-step word problems.

Social Studies:

Our 3rd graders will begin their journey as they travel around the world. First stop...Africa! Students will learn how the culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in Africa.

Science:

This month the students will learn about forces and motion.

Technology:

During the month of December, 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 December students will be learning how to create an imaginative collage.

Mr. Cintula: We've finished our songs of thankfulness with a piece sung during harvest time and are now moving ahead to our winter themed songs in our Music Connection text. These pieces will focus on steady beat, rhythm patterns and form.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will learn harmonic concepts with combinable piece, work/sing well together with 2 new pieces, learn a piece using a Reel dance technique, learn 10 songs with motions, and self-evaluate.

*IMPORTANT DATES

12/7 - Holiday Fair

12/20 - FUDGE Day: (Fathers, Uncles, Dads, Grandpas, Everyone), 1:00pm

12/24-1/1/19 - Winter Recess - School closed. School resumes on 1/2/19.

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.
- Be sure to use text-based evidence when answering all types of questions, such as multiple choice, short answers, and extended response questions.



PTA News

12/7 - PTA hosts Holiday Fair

12/19 - PTA Meeting, 7:00pm



"Have a Wonderful Holiday and a Happy and Healthy New Year!"

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

A Note From Ms. Ponzi



Dear Families,

It was so nice to see so many of you attend our Parent Teacher Conferences last month. Communication and collaboration between families and school is extremely beneficial for the success of our students, so we THANK YOU!

I encourage and appreciate your continued support at upcoming Parents as Partners events. Many parents were up at school this past month taking advantage of our workshops and assisting their child in the classroom, learning how to help their child at home and shopping at the book fair. I look forward to seeing you again soon!

Please continue to dress your child appropriately for the changing weather. We are continuing to send children outside for recess when the weather permits.

As we approach the holiday season, let us remember the importance of family, friends, and fun! I wish you and your families a very Happy and Healthy holiday season with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

