



Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – March 2019

WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Although all of our learning up until this point supports the Common Core, we are beginning our test preparation for the upcoming ELA statewide test. Using various materials, we will review all of the skills that the children will be exposed to on the upcoming exam. We will also continue our focus on reading complex texts.

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

Writing – We will be expanding on our thoughts about the texts we have read to prepare the students to properly answer the short and extended response questions. The students need to use textual evidence to help them respond to both types of questions.

Math:

Although all of our learning up until this point has supported the Common Core, we are beginning our test preparation for the upcoming Math statewide test. Using various materials, we will review all of the skills that the children will be exposed to on the upcoming exam. We are also going to begin Chapter 8, which is Understanding Fractions.

Social Studies:

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

Science:

Students will be learning about living and non-living things.

Technology:

During the month of March, 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 March, students continue drawing and painting.

Mr. Cintula: We have just finished a few songs and meaningful dialogue about civil rights and are continuing our journey into folk music from around the world. We are identifying melodic patterns in our songs.

Ms. LaMorte: Students will continue with study of recorder, learn new note A and new piece and possibly new note G and new piece, and learn combinable piece in 3 groups.

*IMPORTANT DATES

3/13 – Report Cards Distributed

3/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences:

Afternoon – 12:20–2:20pm (Half day of school for students)

Evening – 5:00–8:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD...

4/2 & 4/3 – NYS ELA Exams

5/1 & 5/2 – NYS Math Exams

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- 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.



"We are in the home stretch. Continue to work hard and maintain your focus this month as we prepare for the Common Core ELA and Math tests."

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

PTA News

Welcome back! The PTA would like to welcome everyone back from a winter week off! We hope everyone had a warm, cozy, relaxing week and is ready to get back to learning, and school fun festivities!

Our "pretzels for panthers" is this upcoming Friday, March 1. Also, on Friday, March 1st there will be the opportunity for our students to take their Spring Pictures. These school pictures are unique as we allow students to dress down and you may also coordinate sibling pictures. Finally, on Friday, March 1st join us to dine out at TGIFRIDAYS at 280 Marsh Ave for our PTA benefit night, where 20% of your bill will automatically benefit Michael J. Petrides' PTA! (All you have to do is mention our school by name to your server!)

Our Night of Chances fundraiser is Friday, March 29th. Please join us for this fun adult evening where you will have chances to win awesome raffle prizes!

Last PTA meeting we raffled off a Night of Chances raffle bundle pack! (70 raffle tickets of different levels). All you need to do is show up, for your chance to win!

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 20th at 7pm where we will be raffling off a chance to win a free ticket to "Bowling with the Panthers" which will be on Sunday, April 7th. Thank you for supporting our school!

A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Dear Families,

March is the month that makes me reflect and feel LUCKY to be a part of the Petrides family. Last month kept us busy and the help and support from everyone at home certainly makes this such a special place. Parents of 1st and 4th grade students, please help us complete the Readers are Leaders challenge presented by Borough President James Oddo's office. Our Sweetheart Dance was a huge success and we would like to thank the PTA for organizing this event. We look forward to seeing you all at our Spring Parent Teacher Conferences on March 14th.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

