

Third Grade Thoughts

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Parent Newsletter – May 2019



WHAT ARE WE STUDYING?

Literacy:

Reading – Students will distinguish their own Point of View (POV) from that of the author of a text using non-fiction articles.

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

Writing – Students will write opinion pieces on topics supporting a POV with reasons,

Math:

The students will begin Chapter 12 – Geometry: Two-Dimensional Shapes. The mathematical concepts that are covered during this unit are plane shapes, angles in plane shapes, polygons, triangles, and quadrilaterals.

Social Studies:

The students will begin studying Brazil. We will study how culture, history, geography, people, and government affect communities in Brazil.

Science:

The students will be learning about weather this month.

Technology:

During the month of May, 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 May, students in Class 320 will begin their participation in the visual arts component of the performing arts drawing and painting their self-portraits.

Mr. Cintula: We are starting our journey of 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 complete new trimester assessment, learn 2 new pieces for dancing, music cannon, improvisations on Orff Barred Instruments and reading simple duple meter rhythms, and discuss/apply proper singing techniques.

*IMPORTANT DATES

5/1 & 5/2 – NYS Math Exams

5/10 – Plant Sale – Schedule to follow

5/15 – PAWS Awards, 6:30pm – PTA Meeting, 7:00pm

5/27 – Memorial Day – No School

5/29 – Painting with our Parents, 8:30am

News/Information/Tips/Reminders

- April showers bring May flowers. Lets continue to bloom this month by continuing to read each night from a variety of genres and practicing our multiplication facts 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.
- 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

- * Pretzels for our Panthers Friday May 3 (\$1/pretzel)
- * Teacher appreciation week! May 6th – 10th
- * "Principal for a day". Raffles on sale until May 9th. (\$1/ticket; \$10/12 tickets; \$20/25 tickets)
- * Street Fair May 9th from 5pm – 8pm. Join us for dancing in the street, face painting, games and a live drawing of our "principal for a day" raffle winners.
- * Plant Sale Friday May 10th (class schedule times to be distributed closer to event)
- * PTA meeting May 15th at 7pm. Elections held for PTA board members as well as SLT board members for the next school year (2019-2020)



A Note From Ms. Ponzi

Hello Petrides Families,

Spring has sprung–hopefully everyone can get outside and enjoy that sunshine!! The feeling of excitement is in the air as we near the end of our school year. Let's make sure to stay focused and bright until then.

We would like to commend our dedicated 3rd and 4th graders for their hard work and commitment with preparing for the NYS ELA and Math tests. We are confident you did great!

We look forward to all of the exciting culminating events that are quickly approaching. Please mark your calendars and save the dates accordingly. I can't wait to celebrate with you all.

Sincerely,
Ms. Ponzi

