

Third Grade Newsletter

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Third Grade Teachers

Reading



In Reading Workshop, students are starting to read non-fiction books and utilizing non-fiction strategies while reading more non-fiction books. In the non-fiction unit, students will learn to focus on reading to learn, grasping main ideas, and exploring different text structures. We will then transfer and apply the strategies that we learned. In addition, students will build on their comprehension strategies, such as making predictions, envisioning, etc.



Writing

This month, students will work on the Art of Informational Writing. First, students will collect ideas about topics that they know a lot about and that they would like to teach each other. Once they have a topic, students will move on to exploring different text structures to help organize their ideas by studying mentor texts. Students will learn to gather information using their own words. Additionally, students will continue to work on creating strong introductions, conclusions and elaborating on their ideas in a focused way. Finally, we will go through the writing process (prewriting, drafting, revising, editing, and publishing) to publish one piece at the end of the unit.



Math

This month the third grade students will begin to focus on area. Students will study the concept of area as the number of unit squares needed to cover a region with no overlaps or gaps. Additionally, we will be focusing on data. The students will be reading and interpreting, as well as making picture graphs, bar graphs and then using them to solve word problems. We will then move on to various place value concepts, including rounding and estimating.

We will also continue to strengthen our abilities to have discussions around math and solve problems using different strategies.

*** IMPORTANT – Students should be practicing and memorizing multiplication facts every night.

Science

Students will understand that energy exists in a variety of forms. Students will observe the results of simple energy transformations from one form to another in their physical environment. The safe use and respect of various energy forms will be stressed in the classroom. Students will describe a variety of forms of energy (e.g., heat, chemical, light) and the changes that occur in objects when they interact with those forms of energy.

Social Studies



This month, we will continue to study Egypt. We will examine how the geography of Egypt has shaped its community, culture, and economy.

Additionally, we will take a closer look at how the trade in Egypt reflects and supports the needs and wants of its people. Finally, we will learn about Egypt's traditional home, food, and clothing.



Important Dates

December 7, 2018: PTA Holiday Shop

December 11, 2018: Parent Coordinator Workshop
“Holiday Traditions” @ 2:30p

December 18, 2018: Formal Assembly

December 20, 2018: PTA meeting Ballroom Dance

December 21, 2018: School Spirit Day: Ugly
Sweater

December 24 2018– Jan 1, 2019: Winter Recess -
No School (Schools Closed)