

THIRD GRADE NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates

- 4/8 Spring Picture Day
- 4/15-4/22 Spring Break
- 4/26-4/27 NYS Math Assessment

Birthday Shoutouts

Wishing all our babies the happiest birthday!
With love,
The Third Grade Team

4/2 Mr. Gursky
4/8 Amar Deo
4/10 Blake Malis
4/10 Christian Martin
4/11 Ms. Dellacorte
4/13 Nathaniel Underwood
4/15 Livia Zhou
4/17 Jathaniel Gutierrez
4/19 Chanyu Park
4/23 Sahar Ahmadzada

<http://www.ps169q.org/calendar>

Reminders

- Please be sure to have your child's ipad/ laptop fully charged and in school daily.

Math

Fractions

Our current unit is Test Prep. Here will focus on answering state test like questions in the following concepts : Fractions, Word Problems using all four operations, Multiplication, Division, Area and Perimeter.

Writing

Unit 6: Adopting FairyTales

During this month we will be working on our narrative writing skills. Students will review the skills they learned as writers from their first unit of study, "Small Moment Stories" and use them to create their own versions of Fairy Tales. Students will practice developing characters using dialogue, action, thoughts and feelings to highlight character traits. Students will work with story elements such as problem, solution, setting, rising action, climax and falling action. They will take on the role of real authors and practice lots of drafts throughout the unit. Authors will draw from their social issues research to craft adapted fairytales that teach important lessons to others.

Reading

Unit 6: Social Issues

In this unit of study, students will discover what social issues are: bullying, child labor, dealing with loss and more. Students will research these social issues by reading fiction and non fiction texts to identify themes and lessons and pair them with research based facts. One of the biggest lessons students will learn is that ideas from fiction texts can be backed by real-world problems and used to teach the world about an issue. Students will then consider how knowing information

about these issues can be used to

Science

During this month, we will switch to social studies. Our upcoming science unit will be on Environments and Survival. To prepare your children for this unit, let them watch lots of animal shows on YouTube or Disney +. You can talk to them about how Animal traits help them survive. If you google shark week, that's a great place to start. These conversations can be informal and should be fun for your child.

Foundations

Unit 6.7

During this month, we will be exploring Foundations Units 6 and 7 during the first 30 minutes of writing. Students will have the opportunity to learn new spelling rules, work with vocabulary, handwriting, as well as practice with editing and revision skills. Please look out for the Foundations Newsletters that will be sent via class dojo. You will be able to find them on our class stories. In google classroom, you will find posted Foundations assignments. These are OPTIONAL and can be done at home if you would like some extra practice.

Contact Us

Please feel free to contact your home room teachers via class dojo with any questions, comments, or concerns.

make a difference in the lives they lead and to impact others. This will be reflected in their Fairytales Writing Unit by giving them ideas to draw from when adapting original fairytales to their own revised versions.

Social Studies

Unit 3: Ancient Egypt

During this unit, students will explore Egypt. Students will be immersed in text sets that teach all about ancient Egypt. Most of the student homework for this unit will be to view documentaries at home. Links will be provided on google classroom. In school we will be working to learn about many parts of Egyptian culture, culminating in focus centers where each student becomes an expert in one part of Egyptian culture. Together as a group, students will create artifacts to represent their expertise and share with the class.