



Third Grade Monthly News



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Hot Topics!

We are off to a fabulous start in third grade!

Math - We are finishing our first unit on time, money, number patterns, and math routines. We will then move onto addition and subtraction number stories (word problems), place value, and fact families to review addition and subtraction. Please review addition and subtraction facts at home to help you child memorize the facts.

Social Studies - This month we will begin exploring world geography while learning map skills. We will learn about the continents, oceans, and important map symbols such as the lines of latitude and longitude, and the equator. We will also explore where our families come from in the world to help "place us" on the map.

Reading - We spend time reading in class every day as part of our reading workshop. This month we will continue to study the characters in our fiction books using vocabulary to describe character traits. We will also introduce reading responses.

Science - We are learning about the scientific method with Ms. Lubick. We are working on making our best observations using our five senses.



Writing Workshop Has Begun!

We have jumped right into *Writing Workshop*, a period of our day devoted entirely to writing. Before students began collecting entries, they created "maps" of their hearts to inspire them with meaningful topics for writing. We have begun with a unit that focuses on personal narratives. Students are learning strategies to generate stories that focus on small (but important) moments in their own lives, as well as revision strategies to create "show-not-tell" writing.

The Pumpkin Project Is Coming



At the end of October, we will celebrate math and science while investigating an autumn mystery: How many seeds really are in a pumpkin?

Stay tuned for more...

Details



* Please check your child's homework folder every day. You will find assignments on their homework log as well as any notes that need to be signed and returned to school.

*Please sign and return all tests the next day.

*Reminder: Students must read for *at least* 30 minutes at home, and fill out their "At Home" reading logs, daily, (weekends too.)

Dates to Remember

Oct. 9 - PTA Movie Night

Oct. 12 - School Closed

Oct. 21 - AMNH Trip

Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade

