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3rd Grade News

February / March 2015

Reading

In February and March, third graders are learning skills and strategies to help them comprehend fiction and nonfiction texts. Please help your child build his/her stamina at home. Set a timer for 30 minutes this week, and add five additional minutes each week.



The NYS English Language Arts Assessment requires students to maintain focus on reading and answering questions for approximately one hour each day!

Writing

In writing, third graders are currently working on responding to various types of texts. Students have been state their opinion on topics and supporting their opinions with evidence from the text in their writing. The student stating their opinion and using sequent linking words, such as: however, also, both, next, than, & finally. This will make their writing flow. At home, have your child practice by using the linking words so they can develop this skill.



Music



In February, we learned about gospel music and folk songs of the Underground Railroad and the importance of the musical styles in history. Coming up in March, students will be combining their rhythmic and melodic knowledge to compose music of their own. At home, ask your child to compose a "melody" using only the letters of the musical alphabet and "ta, ti-ti" rhythms, and bring it into class to play. This will enhance your child's musical abilities in melody, rhythm and composition.

Physical Education

We will be learning tennis skills. Each student will have their own tennis racket and learn about the game of tennis. Students will watch clips of tennis matches to learn the basics of the game.



Math

In February and March, we will be learning all about fractions and division. We will be learning about the understanding of the inverse relationship between multiplication and division different skills and strategies to learn how to solve division problems.



After studying division we will move in to fractions. Students will need to understand what a fraction is, how to display it with pictures and on number line. They will need to be able to find equivalent fractions and compare fractions.

Cooking and baking at Home with your child is a great, And delicious, way to reinforce fractions.



Library

In the library, 3rd grade students are learning to navigate to the library home page. They are also practicing using the online catalog to search for specific books in our library. Earlier this year, students chose their just right books from leveled library bins. Students learned about how the library is organized and where to locate Fiction Chapter Books (FIC), Entertaining/Everyone picture books (E), and Non-Fiction Informational texts. Now they are putting that knowledge to use as they search for and select new books to borrow! The SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE HELD THE WEEK OF MARCH 16-23 (classroom visits) and ON MARCH 19 during PARET/TEACHER CONFERENCES!

Important Dates:

- Parent Teacher Conferences: March 19
 - 1:00 – 3:00 PM
 - 4:30 – 7:30 PM
- Spring Break: April 3-13, 2015
(Return to school Monday, April 13, 2015.)
- ELA Exam: April 14, 15 and 16, 2015
- Math Exam: April 22, 23, and 24, 2015