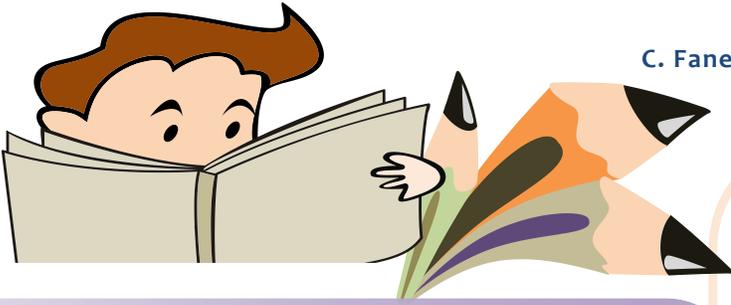


# Third Grade Triumphs

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## READING

### JOURNEYS – UNIT 5:

- Students will continue to strengthen reading comprehension skills.
- Students will continue to increase their inventory of target vocabulary.
- Students will read deeper and practice inferring and drawing conclusions from both fiction and non-fiction texts.

#### Help your child:

- Engaging your child in “book talk” helps to motivate your child to think beyond the words to the ideas of his/her reading.



## WRITING

### ONCE UPON A TIME: ADAPTING AND WRITING FAIRY TALES:

- Students will continue to learn the important components of fairy tales by reading and discussing many different stories.
- Students will notice differences in different versions of popular fairy tales.
- Students will use many strategies practiced this year to create a fairy tale of their own, or another version of a popular tale.

**Help your child:** Perhaps you and your child can create an original fairy tale at home.



## SOCIAL STUDIES

### UNIT: CASE STUDY CHINA

- Students will study the continent of Asia, including geography and location, as compared to the other countries we have studied this year.
- Students will read many books from China, both fiction and non-fiction to draw conclusions about China’s culture, history, and people.

#### Help your child:

- Perhaps you can take a “virtual tour” of China on the internet with your child.



## MATH

### UNIT: GETTING READY FOR 4<sup>TH</sup> GRADE

- Students will continue to look at the different concepts that will be covered in grade 4.

#### Help Your Child:

- It is important before beginning 4<sup>th</sup> grade that your child is comfortable with multiplication tables 1-12, as well as addition and subtraction in their head from 1 to 10.

**SANFORD HARMONY:** We will finish the school year with a unit on “Peer Relationships.”

### **MUSIC – MRS. GLEMBOSKI**

In 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Music, we are mastering how to play the recorder instrument. Students are becoming more familiar with reading sheet music to go along with their instruments. Please encourage your child to show you all of the Recorder Karate belts they have earned this school year Please visit our music website at:

<http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>

### **Computers-Mr. Caniano**



This month, our third graders will continue working with M.I.T.'S *Scratch*. *Scratch* is an excellent online tool that allows our students to create their own animations and basic games. The students will create their own hide and seek game as well as some other basic programs this month. Please encourage your child to use Scratch, Code.org and to practice their typing over the summer months.

### **Physical Education –Mr. Stewart**



This month's focus will be continuation of baseball using a bat and various size baseballs. We will also continue practicing striking by playing badminton. I have been impressed with the focus in which our students have come to approach fitness and physical education at this point in their education. Throughout the different units of study our students have shown growth at many levels. I'm excited for these students to bring their enthusiasm for fitness into the summer months!

### **Science – Mrs. Rothenberg**



This month we will continue our unit entitled "Weather and Climate"

**Unit Question** - Which island would be the best location for an orangutan reserve? How can you protect buildings from damage by weather-related natural hazards?

In their role as meteorologists, students gather evidence and analyze weather patterns so they can advise the Wildlife Protection Organization on selecting one of three islands for an orangutan reserve, the one with hot and rainy weather that is most like the orangutans' natural habitat on Borneo and Sumatra. They then look for location-based patterns in weather as they figure out if it's possible to predict and/or design solutions that can prevent damage from hurricanes and other natural hazards.

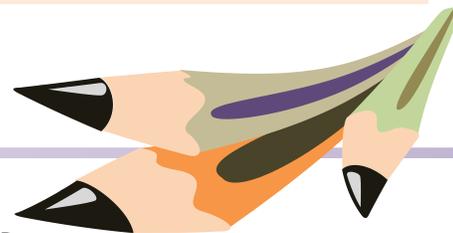
This month we will explore the following questions:

Which island's weather would be best for orangutans?

Which island's weather will continue to be the best for the orangutans?



### **ART-Ms. Pecoraro**



Students will complete their paintings. They will also be working on a variety of culminating drawing and art activities designed to encourage the utilization of creative thinking skills and expanding their imaginations.

### **Supporting the Arts at Home:**

Summer is almost here! Here are some fun activity ideas that are sure to encourage your child's creativity: visit a museum or gallery, borrow arts related books from your local library, enjoy the nice weather-build a sandcastle at the beach, draw pictures on your sidewalk in chalk, or draw what you see around you in a sketchbook, tear out pages from an old magazine and make a collage (Add some recycled paper towel rolls and cereal box cardboard and turn it into a sculpture!), make a couple of masks and put on a play, or try out a new craft project. Enjoy time well spent together doing something artistic and fun!

### **Looking Ahead:**

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| <b>June 4</b>  | <b>Eid Al Fitr – school closed</b>                       |
| <b>June 6</b>  | <b>Chancellor's Day – no school for students</b>         |
| <b>June 11</b> | <b>Clerical Day – no school for Students</b>             |
| <b>June 26</b> | <b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL<br/>HALF DAY (11:30 dismissal)</b> |