



Third Grade Triumphs

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READING

JOURNEYS – UNIT 4:

- Students will make inferences, predictions, and draw conclusions from fiction and non fiction texts.
- Students will continue to increase their inventory of target vocabulary.
- Students will read for longer periods of time while maintaining comprehension throughout.

Help your child:

- To help your child increase reading stamina, set goals for the amount of time your child will read each day.



WRITING

ONCE UPON A TIME: ADAPTING AND WRITING FAIRY TALES:

- Students will read numerous versions of a variety of popular fairy tales.
- Students will choose a fairy tale that they will become familiar enough with to create their own version.
- Students will draw upon this year's work with narrative stories to include all story elements present in the fairy tale genre...

Help your child: Have a family fairy tale reading night. Let your child pick some of his/her favorites.



SOCIAL STUDIES

UNIT: CASE STUDY EGYPT

- Students will continue their explorations of Egypt and hit surroundings on the continent of Africa.
- Students will dig into the culture of the Egyptian people today, as well as how the country's history contributed to their present.

Help your child:

- Talk with your child about your family's culture.



MATH

UNIT: GETTING READY FOR 4TH GRADE

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

Help Your Child:

- It is important before beginning 4th grade that your child is comfortable with multiplication tables 1-12.

SANFORD HARMONY: "THE META MOMENT"

We continue to coordinate our Social Emotional and Sanford Harmony work. Now that we have identified our **BEST SELF**, we are trying to use coping skills when we don't feel our best.

MUSIC – MRS. GLEMBOSKI

In 3rd 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! Homework assignments and rehearsal resources are on Mrs. Glemboski's music website at: <http://mrsglemboskismusicroom.weebly.com/>



Computers – Mr. Caniano

This month, our third graders will work with M.I.T.'s *Scratch*. *Scratch* is an excellent online tool that allows our students to create their own animations and basic games. We will introduce some movement and control blocks this year in preparation for more in depth work in fourth and fifth grade. Please encourage your child to use *Scratch* at home for added practice.

Science – Mrs. Rothenberg

This month we will conclude our “Environments and Survival” unit and begin 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 question:
Chapter 1: Which island's weather would be best for orangutans?



ART- Ms. Pecoraro

Students will begin a unit on painting! They will learn the parts of a paintbrush, how to properly use a painting tools and materials, as well as a variety of techniques using paint.

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Create a sketchbook with your child! Spring is the perfect time of year to go outside and try drawing from life. Here is a link that will guide you to create your own handmade sketchbook:

<http://www.kinderart.com/crafts/sketchbook.shtml>



Physical Education – Mr. Stewart

This month we will continue our “Cooperative Games” Unit. In this Unit we have incorporated team building activities that promote good sportsmanship and accountability within a group. These activities and games add an element of teamwork that is unique. We will work to improve our ball movement during passing games like team handball. Gameplay will be modified so students have more opportunities to succeed.

Looking Ahead:

May 1 & 2 NYS Math Assessment

May 7 “Earth Day, Every Day”

May 15 P.S. 221's Science
Celebration

May 15 Parent Teacher Conferences

May 27 Memorial Day-School Closed