

Third Grade Triumphs

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READING

UNIT: ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS TEST PREP

- Introduction and practice of all question types.
- Tips to increase stamina enabling student to read multiple passages
- Practice tests using past test questions.

Help your child: Encourage your child to read for longer periods of time without taking breaks.



WRITING

UNIT: ESSAY WRITING TEST PREP

- Analysis and dissection of extended response questions
- Answer formatting
- Obtaining answers from text

Help your child: When talking with your child, encourage him/her to support their opinions.

SANFORD HARMONY: In the month of March we will be continuing our meet-up morning sessions with show & tell, as well as other types of sharing that helps us get to know each other better. In addition, we will continue to work on conflict de-escalation by practicing “Stop, Think, & Cool Off” and “Blueprint.”



SOCIAL STUDIES

UNIT: CASE STUDY OF CHINA

- Students will investigate the history of China.
- Students will explore the delicious cuisine.
- Students will learn about China’s holidays, festivals, and celebrations

Help your child: Have a delicious Chinese dinner with your family and ask your child that your child can talk about in class.



MATH

UNIT: Compare Fractions

- Compare and order fractions
- Model equivalent fractions
- Solve word problems using fractions

Help your child: Point out all the places we find fractions in our day to day activities.



Sanford Harmony

Science – Mrs Rothenberg

Unit – Inheritance and Traits

Unit Question - What is the origin of the traits of Wolf 44—a wolf that appears to be different from the rest of its pack?

Our third graders will continue their work as wildlife biologists. They have begun to study two wolf packs, trying to figure out why Wolf 44, an adopted wolf, has certain traits. So far the students have observed variations between and within different species. They have also investigated various species and noticed that animals that come from the same parents have many similar traits. As we continue our study, our biologists will investigate inherited traits and those that result from the environment, and explain how Wolf 44 acquired certain traits. This month we will explore the following

Why isn't Wolf 44 like the Bison Valley Pack in hunting style and size?

How can scientists investigate questions about traits?

Supporting Science at Home

This month is all about how animals and plants get their traits. Talk to your child about their physical or behavioral traits that remind you of other family members. Traits can be passed down biologically or be acquired through environmental changes or influences.



ART-Mrs. Matsias

Students will work on dynamic drawings in the art room for a school wide fund raiser that will take place later this year...Square 1 Art is back! 😊

Supporting the Arts at Home:

Set aside a little time and make a craft project with your child! Here is a link with some great ideas: <http://www.parents.com/fun/arts-crafts/>
Have FUN!

Looking Ahead:

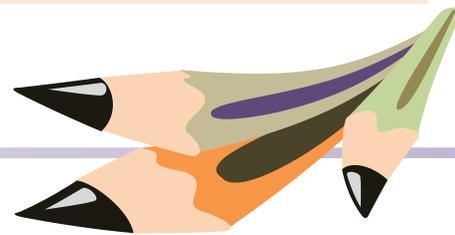
Mar 4 – Spring Book Fair

Mar 5 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

Mar 13 – Talent Show

Mar 25 & 26 – New York State

English Language Arts Assessment



Music – MS. Ditmars

This month, the students will be continuing to prepare for their Recorder Concert, which will be on Monday, April 6th. The students will be ready to play three songs on the recorder and sing two songs for the concert. Please remind your musician to practice daily and play along with the recordings on the school website. At home, ask your student to play one of the songs that they are learning for the concert along with the recording.

Computers – Mr. Caniano



At the beginning of March, our third graders will be working on reviewing our typing skills, accuracy and speed using Typing.com. Each student has a personal account to track their progress. Please encourage your child to log in at home for added typing progress. Later this month, we will be using *Microsoft Word* to create a short essay. First, we will use a thinking map to organize our facts. This will help us once we are ready to publish our work with *Microsoft Word*. Finally, we will also be starting Code.org Course D this month. Passwords will be sent home after the students begin the course. Students may also log in at home for added practice.

Physical Education – Mr. Stewart



Moving forward 3rd grade will continue to focus on the 6 skill components of fitness: **Agility, Speed, Balance, Coordination, Power, and Reaction Time**. For each part of fitness, we will create stations to measure our performance for each skill. Our sport focus is passing and cutting on offense. On Defense we will discuss zone defense. We will also include base running during kickball and baseball. Students will be assessed individually on juggling and carioca step. We are excited for this March!