

THIRD GRADE TIMES

November 2017

Congratulations to the most recent Students of the Month!

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Reading

Unit: Characters

- *Character Traits with evidence
- *Writing about reading
- *Reading partners
- *Predictions
- *Summarizing

Writing

Unit: Narrative

- *Revision, editing, and publishing
- ### Unit: Persuasive Writing
- *thesis statement with supporting details
 - *structuring a paragraph

Be sure to practice
basic math facts
each night to prepare
for the monthly
competitions!

Math

- Division Facts & Strategies
 - Measurement
- Introduction to Fractions
 - Problem Solving

Social Studies & Science

- *Continents and Oceans
- *Structures

Children should read
at home every night.

Reading Questions

- *Making Connections:* Does the topic or character remind you of anything in your life?
- *Questioning:* What did you wonder about while you were reading?
- *Visualizing:* What do you picture in your head while you are reading this?
- *Inferring:* Can you predict what is about to happen? What clues from the story helped you make that prediction?
- *Synthesizing:* If you were to tell someone about what you just read, what important facts or new understanding would you share?

"You're never too old, too wacky, too wild, to pick up a book and read to a child."
- Dr. Seuss

Read Across America Day
March 2nd!

Music

In November, the third grade will be continuing to learn notes on the recorder as well as new songs, while reading traditional musical notation. We will also learn a Native American song traditionally sung by the Algonquin tribe called "Neesa Neesa." Towards the end of the month, we will begin preparing for our Holiday Sing-a-long in December.



Art

The students will begin to work on a **collage** that is a **self-portrait**. These self-portraits will be engaged in some type of activity in the snow: shoveling, skiing, ice-skating, building snowmen, etc. These collages will be created from torn construction paper to give a "shivering" effect. The students will begin by tearing the larger **basic shapes** of the figure. They will continue to tear and glue shapes for the smaller parts: hair, hats, boots, mittens, scarves, etc. **Details** will be added next using crayons. Glitter will then be used to represent ice and tempera paint will be used to create falling snow. These last few steps will turn our collages into **mixed media** pieces of art. We will look at and discuss self portrait reproductions, as well as winter themed paintings. *Students can practice tearing paper at home. They should use their pinching fingers of both hands and make small tears in paper as they slowly move their finger along the outline of the shape being torn

Physical Education

As the cool weather of fall sets in, our physical education classes are just starting to heat up. We kick off the month of November with our Presidential Fitness Fall Test. Our students will push themselves to their physical and mental limits as they face challenges both familiar and new. Just as the intensity cools down, the circus rolls into town. Our balance and hand-eye coordination, as well as our patience, will be put to the test. We will practice our famous circus arts unit to prepare for the bright lights under the big tent. Our students will one day be fit enough to be in the greatest show on Earth



Library

In November, 3rd grade students will be introduced to the library OPAC system and learn how to use the program to assist in locating books in the Coram Library. Students will also be learning about library call numbers in more detail and identifying how to differentiate between fiction, nonfiction, biography and easy reader call numbers in order locate books on the shelves independently.