

THIRD GRADE TIMES

December 2017

We would like to congratulate the November Students of the month: Collin Kelly, Terrell Moore Jr., Jaedon Greene, Zadie Smith, Gianna Perone, Sofia Marrero, Eshal Qaiser, Nicholas Delutio, Ryan Katz, Michael Klein, Jake Byrne

Dates to Remember!	
December 1	Holidays Around the World
December 4–15	Parent teacher conferences
December 5–7	PTA Holiday Gift Fair
December 11	PTA Meeting
December 25–January 1	December Break

Reading

Unit: Reading to Learn: Grasping Main Idea and Structures

- *Main Idea
- * Supporting Details
- * Summary
- *Comprehension

Writing

Unit: Informational Writing

- *Organizing Information
- *Researching Facts
- *Using Nonfiction Text Features

Remember to use I Ready and Raz Kids. Strive for 45 minutes in both reading and math weekly!! It is also important to practice your multiplication and division facts.

Math

Use Multiplication Facts:

- * Find unknown factors
 - * Distributive Property
 - * Multiply Multiples of 10
- ### Understand Division
- *Relate division and subtraction
 - *Equal groups
 - *Model with Array

Social Studies & Science

- * Landforms
- * United States of America
- *Scientific Method

Children must read at home every night.

Reading Questions

- Making connections: Does the topic remind you of anything in your life?
- Questions: 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 understandings would you share?

Music

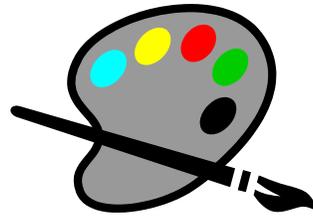
In the month of December, all third grade classes will be singing and learning holiday songs for our annual Holiday Sing-a-long, which will take place on Friday, December 22nd. We wish everyone a wonderful holiday season



Art

The students will continue to work on their *Shivering Self-Portraits* that were begun in November. They have created the large basic **shapes** needed to form a figure. They will continue to tear and glue shapes for the smaller parts: hair, hats, boots, mittens, scarves, etc. **Details** will then be added using crayons. Glitter will then be used to represent ice. Finally, falling snow will be added using tempera paint. We will continue to 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

Before the resolutions are written, gifts exchanged, and fond memories reminisced, we have one final push of excitement for 2017 in the Coram gymnasium. It may be too warm for the ice to form, but that is not going to stop us from learning the game of hockey. Students will learn the skills and strategy needed to play the game as well as compete in small-sided games. Just before we head out the doors, we will practice our eye-foot coordination and rhythm as we do a little dancing. The year 2017 will be one for the record books.



Library

In December, third grade students will continue to learn about the different types of resources found in the reference section of the library and online including the dictionary, the thesaurus and the atlas. Students will also be introduced to the basics of computer programming and coding.

