

CORAM ELEMENTARY

THIRD GRADE TIMES

January 2018

We would like to congratulate the most recent Students of the Month: Ilany Lopez-Kuchersky, Tarik Tutt, Keimora Brown, Ashley Rusch, Ryan East, Katie Canteros, Tyler Drachtman, Ivana Paredes, Kyon Sarwari, and Tyler Anderson.

Dates to Remember!	
Jan 8th	PTA Meeting
Jan 11th	Board of Ed. Mtg.
Jan 15th	M.L.K.—School Closed
Jan 19th	SEPTA Activity Night
Jan 26th	Board of Ed. Mtg.

Reading

Non-Fiction

- * Main Idea
- * Details
- * Summarizing
- * Point of View
- * Biographies

Writing

Non-Fiction

- * Leads
- * Organizing Information
- * Using Mentor Texts
- * Balancing Facts and Ideas
- * Researching Information

Ask your child which class won the multiplication math tournament!

Math

- * Multiplication Facts
- * Inverse Operations
- * Problem Solving— choosing the correct operation
- * Analyzing Data

Social Studies & Science

- * United States
- * Map Skills
- * Structures
- * Scientific Method

Children must read at home every night. Reading Questions

- **Making Connections:** Does the topic 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?

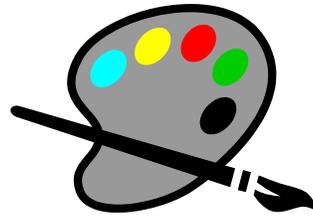
Music

In January, third graders will resume playing the recorder in music class. We will continue to review our three notes that we know so far, and explore new ways to read and recognize musical notation. We will also learn the history behind a sea chanty called "John Kanaka," and a rhythmic dance to go along with the song.



Art

During the month of January the third graders will begin working on the "Names in Pattern" project. They will fill a rectangle grid with the letters of their name. They will then color the positive space letters heavily with crayons. Next, they will be using markers to add patterns to the negative space around each letter. We will discuss the principle of design of contrast when choosing colors for each letter. They will also learn about complementary colors and how to use the color wheel.



Physical Education

As the final pieces of confetti fall to the ground... It's time. Time to not only resolve to better ourselves, but to also try things we never thought capable of. Our sights continue to be firmly set on the physical fitness test in the spring, but also, on the journey ahead. Our superstars will begin our basketball combine right away; learning the skills and drills needed for success. After that, the world-renowned Scooter Highway makes its return. Classic roadside destinations and new adventures await students in this piece of Americana. This year, we want their New Year's Resolutions to be unstoppable.



Library

Two of the most important skills taught this year in library is the ability to think critically and problem solve. In January, third grade students will be introduced to the beginning stages of computer programming, as problem solving skills are the most important aspect of computer science. Students will be applying their knowledge of algorithms to learn how to program Ozobot, a tiny robot, while exploring rich literature and texts.

