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# Third Grade Tidbits

**A Look Back...**

**A Look Ahead...**

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## Communication

As always, if you would like to contact your child's teacher below are the personal email's for each 3rd grade teacher. You can also call during the school hours and we will respond within 24 hours.

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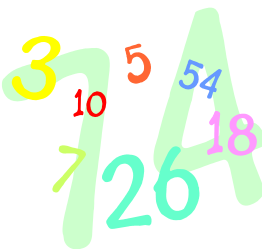
## Reading and Writing



**Reading**—Students have been working with poetry and identifying the various parts of the poetic structure. This month we will move into literature and start to talk about the characteristics of plays. We will then go into the character's actions and how they contribute to the sequence of events.

## Math

Students have started learning the basics of multiplication using arrays, equal groups and equations. We will continue to work on these multiplication tables using picture representations, equations and relating them to division. Students will also continue to practice their facts for fluency in centers and on applications using their chromebooks.

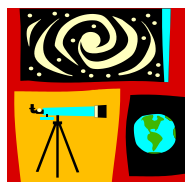


**Writing**— Students just finished writing their narrative poem. They will now be working on their inquiry project where they will do research and then go through the writing process to present their information in an organized way. They will be looking at topics in their homerooms such as transportation, telephone and television.



## S.S. and Science

SCIENCE: In science the students will continue investigating the physical sciences. They will take a look at the observable properties of objects as well as the actions that they can take to change one or more of the observable properties.



## Resources

TASS—(Thinking and Academic Success Skills) Students will be working on two skills each marking period throughout the year. They are incorporated into various lessons and taught explicitly to students. They will reflect on their use of them on a regular basis. This marking period the students will work with collaborate and analyze.

The 6+1 Traits of Writing—This is an approach to writing where the students will work on different aspects of their writing. They will have whole group and small group instruction and then will apply what they learn to their own writing. The traits are: ideas, organization, sentence fluency, word choice, voice and conventions.

Daily 5—This program helps to foster literacy independence during the literacy block. The students will be learning how to rotate from station to station. The stations are: Read to self, read to someone, work with words, work on writing and listen to reading.

### **Reminders:**

- Lunch \$\$ for Accounts

## Cougars of the Month

Cougars Of The Month for September:

Ms. Dymond's Class: Rashad Wilson

Ms. Stone's Class: Nuslyn Villata—Gomez

Ms. Jansen Van Vuuren's Class: TBD



## Resources for Home

Students in each 3rd grade classroom have access to a variety of applications and websites for both reading and math in their Google classrooms. They can access this using their Google sign in. Below are a few more for math.

<http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/mathsmulti.html>

### **Important Dates:**

- Dec. 8—Fall Make-up Pictures
- Dec. 15—Winter Music Concert
- Dec. 24—Jan. 2—Winter Break

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

