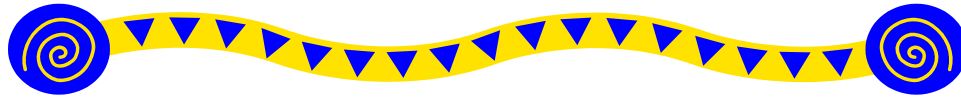


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# Third Grade Tidbits

**A Look Back...**

**A Look Ahead...**



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## Welcome Back!

Welcome back! We are looking forward to an exciting and productive 3rd grade year. Don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher with any questions, comments, or concerns.

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## Reading and Writing



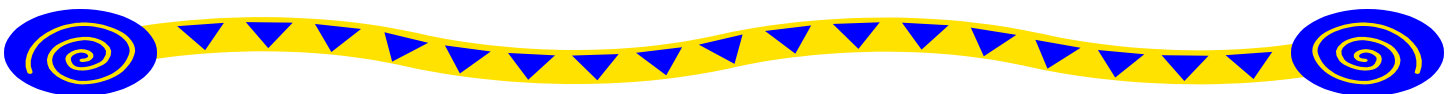
**Reading**—Students have started learning the Daily 5 routines for independent work time. They will continue to learn these routines so they can work independently when they are not working in guided reading with their teacher. They will also ask and answer questions about books that they are reading and be able to locate the answer within the text. Students will also be reading fiction books and will describe the characters found in these stories.

## Math

In math the students started working with patterns for addition and then moved into rounding to the nearest 10 and 100. They will continue the month with adding and subtracting within 1,000 using a variety of strategies. The students have also been working with their basic facts in a variety of centers and technology sites.

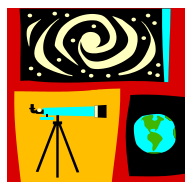


**Writing**— Students started the year with a baseline writing sample. They wrote about their summer vacations to demonstrate their writing skills. They paid attention to organization, details to make it interesting and proper conventions. They will continue to work with these traits this month while going through the writing process to write their own narrative.



## S.S. and Science

Throughout the marking period we spend time in both of these subjects. This month we are working in science. We start with a health unit about personal uniqueness which will allow the students to see how they are different from one another and what makes them an individual. We will then move into physical sciences. The students will get to conduct experiments where they describe forces and positions of objects. They will then get to create a vehicle using the Elementary Engineering Design process with a group. The kids really enjoy this part of the unit and get really excited about their learning!



## 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
- Send any emergency forms back with your student. We need these in case of an emergency. Thank you!

## Cougars of the Month

Students are selected for Cougar of the Month as part of our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports) program. Students can earn positive rewards for following their ABCs. The ABCs are school wide and they stand for:

Act Safely

Be Respectful

Commit to learning.

Three students from 3rd grade will be recognized for following their ABC's each month. Their names will be listed below. Keep an eye out for your child's name throughout the year!



### **Important Dates:**

- 9/5: No school Labor Day
- 9/8: Back To School Night 6:00–7:30 pm
- 9/12: No School: Teacher Professional Day
- 9/30: Early Release Day for Students

