

Third Grade December Newsletter 2023

“For it is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself.”-Charles Dickens



Religion: During the season of Advent, students are preparing for and rejoicing in the coming of the Lord. Students learn that Jesus is the light of the world by reading, praying, and participating in Advent activities. As Christmas approaches students will celebrate both the Birth of Jesus Christ and the mystery of His presence in their lives. During this holiday season, we try to live our lives with the virtue of hope. Christmas brings hope not only for the upcoming year but also for the promise of eternal life.

English Language Arts: Students will continue to explore the Essential Question: *How do plants and animals live together?* Students will be reading a variety of texts in MyView focusing on story elements, vocabulary, and phonics. Third graders will continue practicing writing in script in our workbook and when publishing final drafts of writing pieces. Students will use the i-Ready Reading program to practice reading strategies in order to become thoughtful and analytical readers.

Math: Third graders will continue to use strategies learned to help them grasp the concepts of multiplication & division. Topic 3 focuses on using known facts and properties of multiplication to learn the multiplication facts with factors of 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8. Students will explore the Essential Question: *How can I use known multiplication facts to solve unknown facts?* Students will use the i-Ready Math program to practice math strategies in order to become critical thinkers & problem solvers. Third graders should continue to revisit addition & subtraction to build their basic facts fluency.

Health: During this month, students will participate in activities that reinforce making healthy choices. Students are working to build healthy habits into their daily lives. Discussions focus around getting plenty of sleep, having a positive mindset, exercising, and making proper nutritional choices.

Science: Third graders will continue to explore Electricity and Magnetism. Students will learn to ask questions to determine cause and effect relationships of electric and magnetic interactions. Hands-on science labs will coincide with these lessons aiding in students' engagement and understanding of the topic.

Social Studies: Students will continue to learn about their environment. Students will discuss how they use and can protect Earth's resources along with how they can affect the environment in positive and negative ways.

Please continue to check your child's Google Classroom daily. This is where homework, testing information, reminders, and other general information will be posted daily.