

## Third Grade November 2018 Newsletter



Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that the first nine weeks of school are already over! We have enjoyed meeting with each of you to discuss your child's academic progress during the first quarter conferences. Please continue to encourage your child to come to school each day prepared for a day of learning and academic success!

### **Here is what we plan to cover this month:**

Literacy: In reading, the students will continue to practice reading instruction through independent and guided reading. After completing our study of character traits, students will read fairy tales, folk tales, fables, and myths from different cultures to determine the central message or theme. Later this month, students will examine and determine the meaning of figurative language including idioms in their reading. Be sure your child reads DAILY! This is so important for all students to increase reading fluency and comprehension. In writing, students will conduct their Thanksgiving Interview research projects and will write informational reports about the family members they interviewed.

Math: Students will learn and practice various strategies to solve multiplication and division problems including repeated addition, arrays, equal groups, and number line. Even though our focus this month will be multiplication and division, it is imperative that students continue to review and practice their addition and subtraction facts daily at home. We have noticed that errors have been made in solving problems because many students have forgotten, or are taking time to count on their fingers, to figure out the answer. Please support this at home by using flashcards or visiting interactive websites that practice addition and subtraction facts, such as [www.xtramath.org](http://www.xtramath.org) and [www.factmonster.com](http://www.factmonster.com).

Social Studies: The students will continue to study the geography of North Carolina. In addition, they will study how people, events and ideas in history may have changed people and communities over time.

Science: We will begin studying the major components and patterns observed in the earth/moon/sun system.

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates:

**Tuesday 11/6** - Kids Voting - Election Day

**Friday 11/9** - Report Cards Distributed

**Monday, 11/12** - Veterans' Day HOLIDAY

**Wednesday 11/21 - Friday 11/23** - Thanksgiving Break

**Monday 11/26** - Fire Safety Program

**Wednesday 11/28** - Make-Up Pictures

**Friday, 11/30** - Character Ed Assembly

We hope everyone has a wonderful November and Thanksgiving! Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child.

The Third Grade Team