



Third Grade Weekly Plans

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ASSISTANT: Mrs. Smith**

Virtue: Diligence & Perseverance

Psalms: Psalm 23 & 46

Saying: "The Last Straw."

Chapter Book: Island of the Blue Dolphins

Dear Parents,

I hope you are all enjoying your snow day home with your family! I was beginning to think that our winter was only going to consist of freezing rain and ice. As you can imagine, the students have been disappointed about not being able to go sledding at recess so hopefully this storm will help make recess more fun.

Last week we began the math unit on metric measurement. After introducing the concept of centimeters and meters, the students were given the task of making an origami frog. They were tasked with decorating the paper and listening to and following my directions. After they made their frogs, the students made charts to keep track of their data. They then took a centimeter ruler and begin "The Frog Hop!" After a few individual rounds, they had a friendly competition with friends. The next day the students took this data and made a line graph.



Tomorrow we will be celebrating Valentine's Day in our classroom. Thank you to those of you who are sending snacks and supplies in to school. Starting at two o'clock we will make an owl craft, open cards, and enjoy delicious food. After school Mr. and Mrs. Martin will be hosting the Pinewood Derby race. Please note that the pick-up time will be at 4:30 rather than 4:00 because of the race. I would like to wish good luck to all of the participants! I will try to be down to catch the races once I have set up for the make-up eye dissection. I hope you have a wonderful week ahead!

Sincerely,
Heather Verheeck

Curriculum this Week:

Each week I will share the curriculum that is covered. This will allow you to know the various units and content that we will study.

Reading: We will continue reading *Island of the Blue Dolphins*. The students will continue responding in their literature journals and work in literature circles.

Language Arts: This week we are going to concentrate on topic sentences and concluding sentences which happen to be two difficult concepts for third graders. We will go through a PowerPoint presentation where the students will see multiple examples and have a chance to create topic sentences and conclusion sentences of their own. After a few days of modeling, the students will be required to create some of their own sentences. In grammar we will continue working on sentence expanders.

Spelling: This week the students will work off of two lists.

The green list: Lesson 17: "Long -a Patterns in Accented Syllables"

rainbow, awake, painter, contain, obey, raisin, complain, decay, crayon, mistake, chocolate, parade, mayor, maybe, basement, escape, bracelet, amaze, again, today, pavement, explain, payment, remain

The blue list: Lesson 17: "Adding -ation, -cation, -ition"

information, organization, application, addition, consideration, relaxation, temptation, identification, imagination, partition, transportation, expectation, reservation, presentation, edition, starvation, memorization, quotation, purification, beautification, justification, notification, examination, gratification

BONUS: Mississippian, Honolulu, Massachusetts

Math: We will start the week reviewing the concept of grams and milligrams. We will take popular classroom items and use the classroom scale to weigh them. Afterwards we will move onto milliliters and liters. The next school day we will begin the chapter review and assess soon after. We will continue with the topic of measurement but will focus on problem solving during chapter 12.

Geography: This Wednesday the students will be having the second half of their states and capitals assessment. We will do a culminating activity on Friday, however now we are going to concentrate on the particular regions of the United States and where particular states are located.

History: This week we will begin with a lesson on "The Changing Ways of Life" for Native Americans and then we will move on to the Native Americans of the Greater Mississippi River areas.

Science: This week we will talk about sound and its qualities. The students will create their own sound waves using yarn and will find pictures and draw examples of waves they think match the photo or illustration.

Valentine's Day Card List

Marcus

Adelaide

Mackenzie

Ethan

Maddie

Lyra

Ramsay

Mia

Irene

Gael

Ailia

Aidan

