



3rd Grade News

May 2017

Math

In math we have been working very hard on understanding fractions. We have been learning how to identify fractions, partition fractions into equal parts, place fractions on a number line, and compare fractions that have same denominators and/or same numerators.

As we wrap up our unit on fractions, we will begin preparing and reviewing for our NYS math test.

Reading

Last month was a very busy month! Our 3rd graders wrapped up our unit on character studies where they learned about a character's traits and how events in a story often influence their feelings and motivations. We learned that all characters go up and down a story mountain. Characters face problems that usually get worse before it gets resolved. Our current unit involves our third graders as expert researchers on an animal. Our students will learn how to take notes, grow ideas, and how to synthesize information across texts.

Writing

Our last unit in writing involved students writing literary essays. The children generated ideas about a character after reading a short story and use details and examples from the text to support their ideas. Our current unit in writing will involve students in writing club books about the animals they are researching in reading workshop.

Notes from the teacher:

- ✓ **May 2-4:** NYS math test
- ✓ **May 15:** Grade 3-5 Field Day
- ✓ **May 31:** Field Trip to the Botanical Garden
- ✓ Please make sure your child reads every night 30 minutes in a just right book.



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