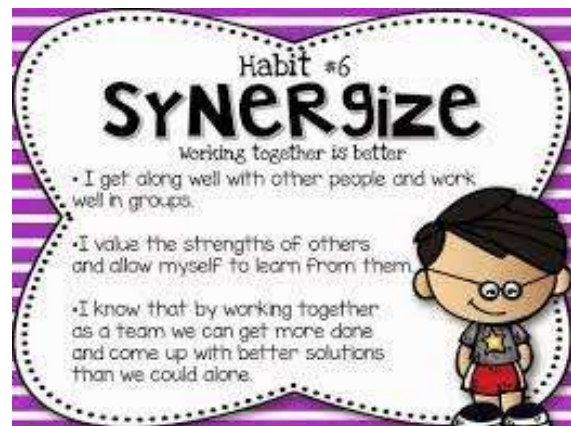# March

Third Grade Newsletter

Important Dates

March 1: Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss
March 4, 5: Spring pictures
March 7: Parent teacher conferences- Half day of school; Dismissal is at 11:30
March 11-14: Computer Science for All week
March 11: PTA bake sale
March 15: NO SCHOOL for students at PS 377
March 20: Grade 5 Bake Sale
March 22: Career Day
March 25- 28 Literacy Week
March 26: Vocabulary show
March 29: School closed for Good Friday
April 1: School Closed

From Phonics to Reading

In Unit 3, your child will learn about prefixes, suffixes, and other word study skills. Your child will learn about words that have the inflectional endings -ed and -ing along with spelling changes, such as tried and luckily; as well as irregular plurals, such as children,shelves, and fish. Your child will also learn words with the prefixes dis-,un-, pre-, im-, non-, sub-, and others, as in discover, unknown, and submarine;and the suffixes, -er, -or, -able, -ful, and others, as in teacher, readable, and useful; as well as related words, such as true, truly, and untrue.

Leader in Me

Habit #6
SYNERgize
Working together is better
• I get along well with other people and work well in groups.
• I value the strengths of others and allow myself to learn from them.
• I know that by working together as a team we can get more done and come up with better solutions than we could alone.

Teachers College Readers/ Writing Workshop

As we move into the month of March students will be taking the ELA state test. However, we want the students to feel as confident as possible. Therefore, we will be heading into our test prep unit. What that means is we will be taking a deep dive into different test taking strategies as well as breaking down and closely analyzing old state test passages. Please note that if you decide to opt your child out, it is extremely beneficial and the work we are doing is only helping students to become stronger in their reading and writing skills! We prefer to call this unit our "Show All You Know" unit instead of "Test Prep". It's a chance for students to really narrow in on what they are already doing well as a reader and writer, but also gives them a chance to learn new strategies and grow!

Math

In mathematics we have jumped into module 5 on fractions! This is very exciting!! This unit focuses on partitioning a whole into equal parts, learning about unit fractions and the relationship to the whole, comparing unit fractions and specifying the whole. A unit fraction is when the numerator (the top number) is one. This unit will teach students how to place fractions on a number line, being able to find equivalent fractions, compare, and order fractions. This will be a whole new way of thinking about numbers that are less than one whole! We will also begin reviewing for the upcoming NYS math test.

Social Studies

This month we will be focusing on learning about Women's History Month! Just as we did last month students will research an individual of their choice. Only this month will each select an influential Women throughout History!

Science

What is the origin of the traits of Wolf 44—a wolf that appears to be different from the rest of its pack? Students play the role of wildlife biologists working in Graystone National Park. They study two wolf packs and are challenged to figure out why Wolf 44, an adopted wolf, has certain traits. Students observe variation between and within different species, investigate inherited traits and those that result from the environment, and explain how Wolf 44 acquired certain traits.

Home Connection

★ Children should be able to build their reading stamina each day – how long they can sit with a book and be engaged. You can help by modeling this at home with your own books. Set aside time to talk about your reading and ask your child about their reading. When they are telling you about their book, ask them to show you "text evidence"…. How they know they found the problem and solution on which pages.

★ In math, continue to have your child practice multiplication and division with their flashcards. Moving into fractions, make some time for fun. Turn a paper plate into fractions with different denominators, or sections of the plates. Use a real pizza pie to help their understanding of fractions.